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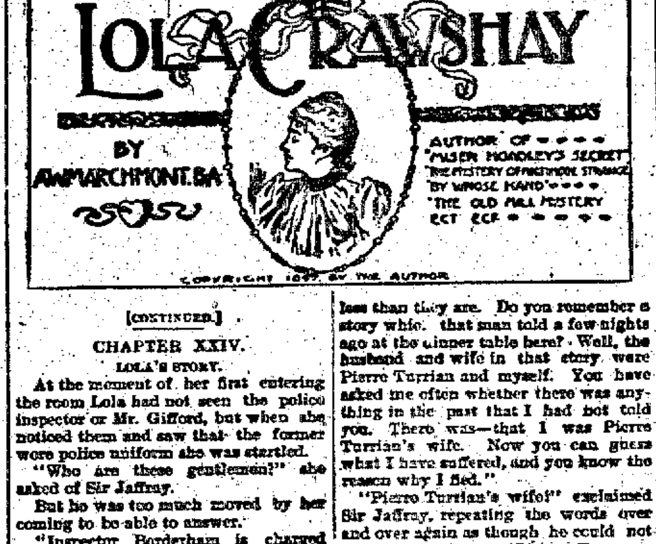
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CHAPTER XXIV.

LOLA'S STORY.

At the moment of her first entering the room Lola had not seen the police inspector or Mr. Gifford, but when she noticed them and saw that the former wore police uniform she was startled.

"Who are these gentlemen?" she asked of Sir Jaffray.

But he was too much moved by her coming to be able to answer.

"Inspector Borderham is charged with the inquiry into the death of Pierre Turrian, and I am here looking into things for the family. I am Mr. Gifford, a private inquiry agent of Southampton row, London, and well known." He could not resist the little self advertisement even at such a moment.

"I cannot speak before these gentlemen, Jaffray," said Lola. "What I have to say can be said to you—and to Beryl, for she already knows everything, or nearly everything."

At this the police inspector pricked up his ears and looked across sharply at Beryl, who noticed the action and the look.

"Then we'd better go, inspector," said Mr. Gifford, seeing the difficulty and trying to get over it with a rush.

But Inspector Borderham did not move.

"I really think it would be better for me to stay, Sir Jaffray," he said a little nervously, afraid to offend the baronet and yet very unwilling to go.

"I see no necessity whatever for your presence," returned the baronet shortly. "You must see that this matter has now taken a quite unexpected turn and that you can do nothing. You can go."

"You will accept the responsibility?"

"What responsibility is that?" exclaimed Lola excitedly. "Do you mean for my presence, sir? I tell you I have come back for the express purpose of facing anything that any one may dare to whisper against me, that I should not have come back had it not been for the fact of Pierre Turrian's death, and that I shall remain"—she was going to say "at the manor house" but checked herself and substituted—"where you shall know perfectly well where to find me whenever you wish. But now I have something to say to my—to Sir Jaffray, which concerns no one but himself, and for the moment we must be left together."

A flash of rapid thought convinced the inspector that he could not possibly do any harm by doing what was asked, as he could easily shadow her ladyship should she attempt to get away again.

"I will do what you wish," he said, and with a bow he left the room with Mr. Gifford.

As soon as the three were alone there was a long silence. The warmth with which Lola had spoken to the inspector died out, the pallor which all had noticed on her first entry increased, and she leaned back on the sofa on which she sat as though weak and striving to collect her strength for a great effort.

Sir Jaffray sat apart, torn by infinitely painful emotions. Her first repulse of him had roused a multitude of disturbing thoughts in which his fears on account of her madness, his doubts about the part she had played in the death of Pierre Turrian and his love, quickened into hot passion by the sight of her, were all mingled with a new and worse fear that her action was the result of a resolve not to let him go near her until she had confessed—what he knew not. He longed to rush and take her in his arms and yet was held back in a conflict of doubts and fears.

Beryl sat quietly waiting for Lola to tell in her own way the story of which she knew the main features.

Lola broke the silence at length with a long, deep sigh. Then she said:

"Ah, Jaffray, I have been mad!"

The words so fitted themselves to his worst fears on her account that he looked across at her with an expression which she seemed to read intuitively.

"Do you think I am guilty of the death of Pierre Turrian, Jaffray?" she cried in a voice of pain and resentment. "And you, Beryl, do you?" And without waiting for any answer in words, reading one in the momentary embarrassed silence of the two, she cried in a voice all sorrow and suffering: "Heaven help me! It is indeed time I came back! Oh, Jaffray, Jaffray!" And, bursting into sobs, she buried her face in her hands on the head of the sofa.

Sir Jaffray could not bear the sight of her distress, but went quickly to her, and, laying a hand on her shoulder, said:

"Give me your word that you know nothing of this, Lola, and I will believe you against the world."

She shook his hand off as though his touch burned her, and, rising to her feet, looked him steadily in the face.

"Were the positions changed I should need no word of yours to make me feel your innocence, Jaffray," she said in a tone which stabbed him, "but you shall have my word. As God is my judge I know no more than yourself how this man met his death."

A flood of relief burst over him at the words, and again he made as though he would clasp her in his arms, and again she prevented him.

Then Beryl, who had waited with suspense for the avowal of her innocence, and who was quite ready to accept it and to be convinced by it, feeling something of the agony which Lola must at that moment be enduring, went to her, and, making her sit down again on the sofa, insisted on sitting by her. She put her arms round her and held her in a close embrace and kissed her.

"Forgive me, Lola, for I, too, have wronged you in thought. I know what you must have suffered. Why did you not come to me?"

At first Lola tried to prevent the girl, but the touch of sympathy was too sweet to be long repulsed, and she first suffered, then welcomed and at last reveled in the consolation thus offered.

"You make my heavy task lighter," she said to Beryl presently, and then, after another pause, she began her confession, beginning, womanlike, with an implied attack upon Sir Jaffray himself.

"No, Jaffray, the blood of that man does not lie on my hands," she said in a low, clear voice. "It was not for that reason that I would not let you take me in your arms just now. Heaven knows, I am bad and mad enough, but I am not like that."

The baronet made a gesture of protest, but she entreated him, and sitting up on the sofa, with her hand in one of Beryl's, she went on, speaking in low tones and with frequent pauses.

"I will not try to make my [illegible] less than they are. Do you remember a story which that man told a few nights ago at the dinner table here? Well, the husband and wife in that story were Pierre Turrian and myself. You have asked me often whether there was anything in the past that I had not told you. There was—that I was Pierre Turrian's wife. Now you can guess what I have suffered, and you know the reason why I fled."

"Pierre Turrian's wife!" exclaimed Sir Jaffray, repeating the words over and over again as though he could not understand them. "Pierre Turrian's wife! His wife!" Then after a long pause he asked, "Did you know this when"— He did not finish, but she understood.

"You heard the story as he told it," she answered.

"He said you tried to kill him then."

"That is true, as true as light!" cried Lola vehemently, and Beryl felt her start and her muscles harden with temper. "It was an impulse, coming either from heaven to free myself from a devil, or from hell to bind myself closer than ever to him, I know not which, but I acted on it, and never from that moment till now, when I see you shrink and quiver at the thought of it, have I regretted it. I will not palliate my act or belittle it, but this I may say—I do not know that he could possibly have saved himself had I not stamped on his fingers, but I did not think of that then. He had made my life a hell, and when the chance seemed to come in my way I tried to free myself, and I would do the same again."

She stopped and looked eagerly across at Sir Jaffray, hoping to read on his face an expression less hard than that which by her words she seemed to expect and not to fear.

But he made no sign of any kind, and she went on:

"The rest you know now or can guess nearly, except one thing. I will tell the truth now, the whole of it, and you shall know the worst of me that can be known. I thought he was dead, and when my father died I dropped the name of Turrian like a hated thing and came here to England merely as Miss Crawshay." Then her voice grew harder, and the note of defiance again was perceptible. "I meant to marry and to marry well, and I had no wish to be known as the widow of such a cheat and villain as Pierre Turrian. Then I met you and resolved that you should marry me, and I married you without loving you."

The last words came slowly, and when she had finished she hid her face again, as though now afraid to meet his look.

"That is the hardest thing you have said, Lola," said Sir Jaffray. Then for the third time a long silence came upon them all.

"I have been woefully punished," said Lola in a low, half moaning voice of infinite sadness. "Out of both my faults have come the means to punish them. The man who was dead lived to stamp out the light of my life. The love I had never felt woke to make my punishment greater than I could bear. If I had never loved you, Jaffray, I could have faced without flinching all that that man could do or threaten, but when he had the power to put out the lighted love which I had thought would never be kindled I was desolate. He came and forced himself upon me, and I dared not defy him utterly. I dared not tell you, because it meant—I must lose you, Jaffray. In a moment of madness and thinking I could play a desperate game with safety I tried to hold him at bay and yet to keep your love for myself, but it was useless. Some one else had learned the truth—Beryl here, and it came near costing her her life, for that evil, reckless man sought to take it even in this house. But, like a woman feeling for a woman's grief, Beryl tried to make the trouble as light for me as it could be. Heaven knows how I have thanked you for that and for all, Beryl!" cried Lola, breaking off a moment to kiss the girl at her side.

"But there was no hope of escape," she resumed. "Failing in his attempt to kill Beryl, the madman came to me with a plan to kill you, Jaffray, and—but you remember the scene that morning which you interrupted. I knew then that every door of hope was shut against me, and when he had gone I went up to my room and tried to think out the best course. Do you know what determined me? Can you guess?"

She paused just an instant and looked at him as if hoping that he could read her thoughts, but before he had time to answer she continued:

"No, you will not guess after what I have said and what has happened. I wanted to find some way out of the trouble which would have left some of your love for me remaining. I thought to kill myself, but I knew that then the man who is dead would have told you all my guilt and have tried to trade on the knowledge till the thought of me would have been hateful to you. I tried to tell you that afternoon, but the words were chilled on my tongue, and I could not. Then I saw no hope but to go away and so prove to the man who was thus between us that he could no longer profit by his secret, and I planned it easily. He wrote to me that afternoon telling me to meet him at night at 9 o'clock near that cottage where he seems to have met his death. Then Beryl's letter came, and you know that it was to ask me to go to her, and it formed just the excuse I wanted. I left word that I was going to Leycester Court, and I drove over there, stopping just short of the house and telling Robbins that I was uncertain what time I should return, and that one of the Court carriages would take me back, and as soon as he was gone I walked back. You know the lonely path across the fields. I came that way and did not meet any one the whole time."

"Did you go to that cottage that night?" asked Jaffray when she paused, but Beryl sent a warning glance that he should let her tell the whole story in her own way.

"Yes, I met him there. It was before 9 o'clock, and we walked back along the path I had come, stopping every now and then. I lied to him in one thing, knowing him—I told him that you knew everything, Jaffray; that I was a fugitive of my own free will, that never again should he or you set eyes on me, and that, though he had beaten me, the victory should be as grit and ashes between his teeth. I taunted him with the blows that you had showered on him in the morning [illegible] his plans. What I did not let him see, however, was that my heart was sick and my spirit bruised to death. We parted, a blasphemous oath on his side and a curse on him from me, and I set my face to the darkness and plodded on through the night, alone with my grief and my knowledge that the sun could never rise again in all my life. One single, solitary ray of comfort in it all I had—that perhaps you would never learn how false I had been and so come to curse me for it."

Her hearers had listened breathlessly to this part of the story, marking every syllable, and when she stopped they could not understand her. Sir Jaffray himself had seen her hours later than she said close to the cottage.

"Where did you go, Lola, and where and what time did you leave that man?" he asked hurriedly and in some excitement.

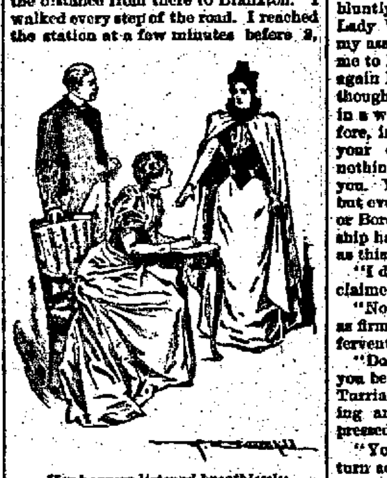
"I was with him probably an hour, not more, and I left him to walk straight to Branxton, in order to catch the mail that stops there at 3 in the morning. I did that. We parted about two miles from the cottage, I should think, on the field path that runs from there to the main road to Branxton and close to the road."

"I am bewildered," he said again. "If I am under the impression that I saw you close to the cottage in Ash Tree wood at a time past midnight that night, is it not possible for me to be right?"

"What do you mean—that I was by that ruined cottage after the time I tell you?"

"Let me make this clear," he exclaimed. "When I found you had gone, I rode first to Leycester Court. That was directly after dinner. I came back, hoping you might have returned, and then they gave me your letter. When I had pulled myself together, I started off as hard as I could gallop to Mrs. Villyers' house, hoping against hope that you might have gone there. Finding the place closed and hearing, of course, that you had not been there, I rode again to the Court, but did not rouse it, and then came on home. It was then a long way past midnight, and as I got to the corner of Ash Tree wood, by the path which leads from the cottage, some one came to the gap in the hedge whom I took to be you. I called to you by name, but there was no answer, and when I had quieted my horse, which had taken fright at your appearance, I tried in vain to follow. Is it impossible that you can have been there at that time?"

"Impossible? Absolutely! You know the distance from there to Branxton. I walked every step of the road. I reached the station at a few minutes before 2, and at 10 minutes past I left there in the mail train for Derby, where I had planned to change carriages and get a fresh ticket on to London."


Her hearers listened breathlessly.

Sir Jaffray rose quickly from his chair and rang the bell loudly, and, going to the door, told the servant to send Inspector Borderham and Mr. Gifford into the room at once.

"There is something that you must hear immediately, inspector," he said very excitedly. "There is a mystery here which must be probed at once. I can give you a clew to the whole affair." And then he began to tell hurriedly that part of Lola's story which had excited him, while the inspector, calm and stolid and skeptical, took copious notes of what he heard.

CHAPTER XXV.

WAITING FOR THE ARREST.

Sir Jaffray was so excited at the possibility of clearing Lola from the terrible charge of which she had been suspected and so relieved at having his own distressing doubts removed and indeed so overjoyed to see her again that he lost sight of all the first part of her confession in thinking of the end, and he told the facts to the inspector with all the enthusiasm and confidence of profound belief.

But the two men to whom he spoke listened to it with thoughts very different from his.

"I have no doubt all that you say is quite correct," said the inspector at the close in the tone of a man who didn't believe a word of it, "but there are some few questions I should like to ask Lady Walcote, with your permission."

"Of course. Ask what you like," said the baronet.

"First, I am bound to caution you, Lady Walcote, that you are not compelled to answer any question, and that, if you do answer, anything you say may be used in evidence against you."

"Ask what you please, sir," replied Lola readily.

"What were the relations between you and this Pierre Turrian?"

"He was my husband."

"Ah! Will you tell me why you left home?"

Lola glanced at Sir Jaffray.

"There is no use in further concealment," he said in answer to her look.

"It is a rather long story, but I will tell it to you." And Lola told him.

"It is a very extraordinary tale," said the inspector skeptically. "You admit, then, that you met the deceased that night at 9 o'clock at the place where he was found dead. That is a very strong admission."

"Yet it is the truth."

"Why did you go armed? Why did you take that dagger with you?"

"I did not go armed. I know nothing of the dagger beyond what I have read—that he was stabbed with a dagger which may have been taken from here."

"What of the bracelet?"

"I know nothing of that either. Purposely I left behind me every bit of jewelry which had not been mine before my marriage."

"Your theory is, then, that some one must have taken the dagger and the bracelet and have gone with them to do this murder in order to put the blame on you?"

"I have no theory," answered Lola resolutely. "I tell you the truth. I had the letter from Pierre Turrian in the afternoon. I met him at the time named and at the place named. I walked with him for about an hour in the direction of the Branxton road and left him at about 10 o'clock close to that road. I then walked on as fast as my strength would allow to Branxton, which I reached just before 2 o'clock. That is all."

"How are you going to prove that?" asked the inspector. "We have nothing so far but your bare word. What proofs have you?"

"I have come back to find them," replied Lola stoutly. "If I had done this deed, I should not have come back; but, instead, I should have put an end to my life."

"Yet you went away?"

"For the same motive that brought me back—regard for Sir Jaffray. I went because flight seemed to me the only way out of a terrible entanglement, the only way to avoid even greater troubles. I came back because, for the sake of his honor, it was necessary that my name should be cleared of this suspicion."

"It is more to the point to ask Lady Walcote how she was dressed when she went away," put in Mr. Gifford, "and how it came that Sir Jaffray was able to identify her by her dress that night."

"I was dressed as I am now." She wore a plain black costume.

"I thought I saw you in a cloak with a hood to it, such as I remembered to have seen you wear on our American trip on board the boat."

"No; I was dressed as I am."

"The dress, in my view, is a secondary matter," said Mr. Borderham dogmatically. "The important part of the affair is not what she wore, but what she did. Much of that is quite clear from her own admissions—most damaging admissions, too—and painful and unpleasant though it is to me," and he turned deferentially to Sir Jaffray. "I am bound to say that Lady Walcote must consider herself under arrest."

"Certainly. I quite agree with you," said Mr. Gifford in so decided a tone that the others looked at him. "The story that we have listened to is obviously a very difficult one to accept, and a very little sifting will show its absurdity. I would suggest, Sir Jaffray, that it be given out here that her ladyship is under surveillance, that her admissions amount to a virtual confession, and that her actual arrest will be made as soon as the formalities can be completed. With your permission I will retire from the case, and I have only to express my profound regret that I have been unable to help you."

As he said this he rose, and all the others stared at him in the greatest surprise and indeed dismay.

Sir Jaffray was full of indignation.

"I must ask you for an explanation of this singular course, Mr. Gifford," he said angrily.

"The explanation lies on the surface, Sir Jaffray," returned Mr. Gifford bluntly. "You instructed me to find Lady Walcote. She is found without my assistance. You then commissioned me to look into this other matter, and again I have been able to do nothing, though everything is as clear as mud in a wineglass. There is no use, therefore, in my cooling my heels here at your cost any longer when there's nothing to be done. I don't want to rob you. You must excuse my being blunt, but everybody is bound to take Inspector Borderham's view of what her ladyship has told us. The thing's as straight as this table edge."

"I don't take that view, for one!" exclaimed the baronet vehemently.

"Nor I, for another!" exclaimed Beryl as firmly, and Lola pressed her hand fervently for her support.

"Do you mean, Mr. Gifford, that you believe I killed that man, Pierre Turrian?" asked Lola, her voice vibrating and her eyes shining with suppressed feeling.

"Your ladyship, it is not for me to turn accuser," he said. "I only think how a jury will view the case."

"Then I will stand my trial," cried Lola indignantly, "and I will prove to the world at large that what you think is all wrong! If you think it, others will think it, and I will clear myself of all suspicion or suffer any penalty the law may inflict. What have I to do, Mr. Borderham? Shall I go with you now? I am ready."

She rose, looking firm and resolved.

"Madame, I am placed in a very difficult position. Sir Jaffray must feel well enough how difficult and how painful it is. Certainly I do not wish to do a thing which can interfere with your chance of proving the truth of your story, and if I have your assurance and that of Sir Jaffray that he will be responsible for your remaining here I shall be quite willing to give you any reasonable time."

"I want no time!" exclaimed Lola passionately. "I am ready to go with you now."

"I think there should be some delay," said Sir Jaffray. "I can then get some one to look into the matter who is not blinded by surface details." And he glanced angrily at Mr. Gifford. "It must be possible to prove the truth of this."

"I think so, too," said the inspector. "How long"—

But Lola burst in:

"I will not have an hour's unnecessary delay. The sooner I meet the charge the better, if you dare to bring it against me!" she exclaimed angrily.

"As you will, Lady Walcote. I regret that I have no alternative. There are certain formalities to be complied with, but if you will agree to surrender this evening I will call here."

"Much the best way, Mr. Borderham," said Mr. Gifford when the two had left the room. "Never heard a lamer tale, did you? This ought to be a good thing for you. You've gone as straight as a good hound on a keen scent."

"I never had any doubt," replied the inspector. "The change of weapons was a little check, but there was never any doubt."

"I only wonder she came back; that's all. Better have poisoned herself. Wonder how the trains go. I shall just turn into the servants' quarters and find out. I shall give 'em a hint, too, of what's up. Well, I'm glad to have met you in this case. I like to see sharp work, even when I'm done myself. What time shall you take her? I'm sorry for the baronet. He's a good sort, and I'm afraid he won't thank you."

"I shall get the warrant this afternoon and take her some time late in the evening. I want as little fuss as can be, but it'll make a bit of a splash, won't it?" He spoke with an air of subdued but conscious pride, like a man who feels that he might boast if he pleased, but wishes to appear properly modest.

They parted then, and the private detective went into the servants' rooms to ask some questions about the trains and to tell them the news that Lady Walcote was to be arrested that night on a charge of having murdered the Frenchman.

Meanwhile in the library blank dismay had fallen on Sir Jaffray and Beryl, and Lola, as soon as the excitement of her interview with the police inspector was over, had broken down at the thought of the disgrace she was bringing upon the man she loved.

"If I were only dead," she moaned, "all this trouble would be ended, but I will not die till I have proved my innocence, and then the sooner death the better."

"Why don't you take time so that we may try to get some evidence of the truth?" asked Sir Jaffray.

"How could I wait?" she asked.

"What do you mean?"

"Where should I wait? I could not stay here, and if I could not be here I would as soon be in jail!" she cried impetuously.

Sir Jaffray had no answer, for her reply tapped the other stream of his trouble concerning her, and he could say nothing.

"You could have come with me, Lola," said Beryl quietly. "I think, with Jaffray, that you should have waited, unless, that is"— She stopped and left the sentence unfinished.

"Unless what?" asked the baronet, glancing at her.

"What made Mr. Gifford turn suddenly in that strange way?" she asked as an apparently irrelevant reply.

The baronet muttered angrily at the mention of the name.

"I was wondering whether he had some motive, after all," she added. "But there—one clings to any straw."

"It is terrible, terrible!" exclaimed Sir Jaffray. "I cannot stand this inactivity. I must do something or I shall go out of my mind."

Then a long and most painful interval of silence came.

"Jaffray," said Lola, rising abruptly from the sofa, "we had better part now. It will be less suffering for you when we are not together. Goodby." She held out her hand to him. "I have made an ill return for all your love, but try, whatever happens, not to bear too hard a memory. I meant in all sincerity to pick out the course that would lead to the least trouble for you, and heaven knows I would have spared you all this if I could. Goodby."

"It is not that which troubles me now, Lola," he answered. "I am not such a brute as to be thinking of myself at such a moment as this. What I want to do is to see a way for you. Are you really resolved to give yourself up this evening? If you would delay it, the truth might come out."

"I would rather face it at once. If I wait, my resolve may fail me altogether. I am a coward when I think of you, and death would be so much easier."

"Don't, Lola! Don't!" he cried in a voice of pain.

And then another long silence fell on the three.

Sir Jaffray broke it.

"I shall wire for some one to come and take up the threads which Gifford has bungled so terribly," he said, with sudden emphasis. "At all events it will be doing something, and heaven knows we need a cool head here now. In the meantime there is no goodby between us yet, Lola. I may be away some time, but I shall get back before—before the evening," he said, changing the phrase with some slight show of embarrassment.

He went away then, and Lola and Beryl both found in his departure some relief from the strain.

They sat together, their talking broken by long gaps of silence, and Beryl did her utmost to comfort her companion and to draw her confidence. One confidence Lola shared with her, and the little story was both told and listened to amid scalding tears from both. The sharing of the secret drew the two women closer than ever together.

As the time passed Lola endeavored to assume a firm and resolute manner, but Beryl could see how completely she was overcome.

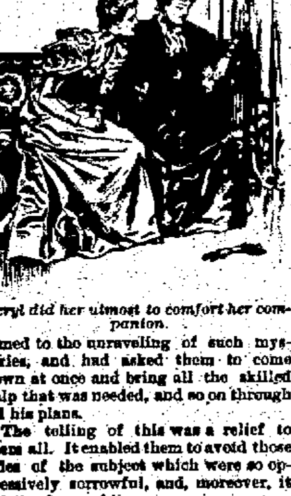
With difficulty Beryl induced her to take some food and wine.

"You will need courage, Lola," she said, "for Jaffray's and that other's sake." And at this plea she yielded, forcing herself to eat and drink.

In the evening Beryl's agitation increased, and her usual calmness quite deserted her, but Lola, on the other hand, grew strong and determined as the time of the arrest approached. It was characteristic of her to meet the trouble when it came close defiantly.

When Sir Jaffray came in, he was surprised to find Lola so cool and confident and Beryl so agitated.

He told them what he had done—how he had seen Gifford and spoken out his opinion in strong terms and in the presence of one or two of the servants had told him to leave the manor, then how he had telegraphed to London to a well known firm of solicitors, accustomed to the unraveling of such mysteries, and had asked them to come down at once and bring all the skilled help that was needed, and so on through all his plans.


Beryl did her utmost to comfort her companion.

The telling of this was a relief to them all. It enabled them to avoid those sides of the subject which were so oppressively sorrowful, and, moreover, it fed the flame of hope.

"One thing is certain, however," he said in conclusion. "There must be a delay, at all events until the London lawyers have been down and looked into things. It must be so, Lola, and I must find a means of getting Borderham to wait for a few days at any rate."

Just then the police inspector was announced and came in, looking very grave, but very important.

Beryl, who was sitting by Lola, felt her tremble and her muscles stiffen for an instant, while she bit her lip hard.

"I think, Mr. Borderham, that this matter had better stand over for a day or two, after all," said the baronet, and he then described what he had done and said that he would, of course, be responsible for Lola's surrendering whenever the inspector desired.

The latter listened deferentially, but at the close he shook his head slowly.

"I am afraid that it is now too late," he said gravely. "It is very painful to me, but after what passed this morning I have made all arrangements, and"—

"I am ready, sir!" cried Lola, rising and facing him resolutely. "I will go with you at once."

At that moment Mr. Gifford entered the room, carrying a parcel in his hand.

"Wait a moment," he said. "I have something to say."

Sir Jaffray turned angrily to him.

"I thought I ordered you to leave the manor!" he cried.

"But I didn't go, Sir Jaffray," replied Mr. Gifford calmly, "and, what is more, I staid to some purpose, as I think you'll admit when you hear what I have to say."

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

In Mexico the school children who have done best are allowed to smoke cigars while pursuing their lessons.

GREAT LANDLORDS.

ASTOR PROPERTY IN NEW YORK WORTH NEARLY $200,000,000.

There Is No Sentiment In the Management of This Vast Property—Tenants Must Face the Music—Not Very Progressive and Wait For Others to Lead.

We are all inclined to regard the great American landlord with disfavor. He is associated in our minds with the idea of high rents, demanded the instant they are due, with unfulfilled promises as to repairs and little improvements that would add so much to our comfort and with many other small annoyances that make him the man terrible, the man unfaithful, the man hostile.

Through the obscurity of these prejudices it is doubtful if many of us see him clearly or judge him fairly. According as we are near moving day or not and as we secure repairs we are apt to regard him as a very disagreeable person, indeed, with few of the higher human attributes or else the reverse, and in the meantime we pay rent and tolerate him because he continues to exist and the law protects him.

Perhaps the best example of the American landlord is Astor, or rather the Astors. The interests of this famous New York family are so numerous and so extensive, so widely distributed and so varied in character, that as landlords they hold sway over all classes of society, occupying every kind of structure. Then, too, the Astors are typical in that no sentiment enters into the management of their properties, and, after all, this is true of the management of most real estate in this city.

As landlords the Astors demand the market rate for rents, and they demand it the first of every month or quarter, as the case may be. Sooner than make material concessions in the amount to be paid on a lease the Astors will allow a house to remain vacant, not one season or year only, but two, three or more years, and if then a good tenant is not at hand the building will be altered, provided the condition of the neighborhood requires it. It is apparent, therefore, that the Astors get the figures they ask. These are not the highest paid, for the estates take no risks, but they are well up to the average.

No one possibly requires more assurance of responsibility in tenants than the Astors. References as to character and financial standing must be forthcoming if you would be an Astor tenant, and they must be more than paper references, for they will be investigated carefully. If you are unknown or cannot show who you are and what you have got, and that you are fairly certain of being able to meet the rent for the term of the lease, do not try to rent an Astor house. You will be refused.

As a matter of fact, the Astor rent rolls, if one could secure copies of them, would be an excellent commercial directory, far more reliable within the limited sphere, perhaps, than anything ever attempted in this city. Ninety five per cent of the persons whose names are on them pay the rent they agreed to pay on the first of every month. Those on the rolls who do not disappear when their leases are up or before if possible. The Astors are not hard landlords, but they are very businesslike, and the dispossess proceeding is resorted to whenever occasion demands.

Though of Dutch stock the Astors have no feeling of friendliness for the liquor traffic. The saloon keeper is not wanted, even at the high rates he offers, and neither is any other sort of tenant who is likely to clash with the police. From time to time, of course, persons not in favor with the authorities creep into Astor properties, but when discovered they are ousted as quickly and as quietly as possible.

So far as improvements go, the estates are behind many of the other large landlords and a host of the smaller ones. Up to a very recent period the management of the family possessions was exceedingly unprogressive, and it is hardly up to what might be expected of it yet. It is urged in defense of this policy that various sections of the city in which Astor holdings are large are at present undergoing a change and that alterations appropriate in character will be made later. That is the trouble with the Astors. They are always backward in aiding a change. Their conservatism holds them in check, while smaller and weaker men take the risk, and often they stand in the way of progress by presenting immense blocks of property directly in the line of great improvements. If changes are effected all around them, they will alter also, but they are always the last to do so.

In the matter of individual repairs, decorations and the like they are not liberal, but they have the reputation of doing what they promise. Usually residences are put in order before the new tenant goes in, and then the occupant has got to be very careful. It is not expected by the estates that much money will be spent upon the house except at long intervals.

The Astors hold few tenements and flats directly, though they own the ground upon which hundreds of such structures stand. This kind of building is not popular with either branch of the family, and they only have to do with it so far as receiving leasehold rents are concerned. Dwellings in great number and comprising all kinds, from one bringing in hundreds yearly to one yielding thousands, and business and office buildings and hotels are chiefly the income producers aside from the leasehold properties.

How much those rents amount to perhaps only the Astors can tell, but the real estate of the two branches of the family is worth nearly $200,000,000, according to a conservative estimate, and most of it is rented. If it averaged 5 per cent, the yield would be $9,000,000 to $10,000,000 a year, to be divided between two men.—New York Herald.

A Story of Thackeray.

Dean Farrar gives the following reminiscence of Thackeray in The Independent: "Dining with him at the house of Dr. Butler, I remember that he spoke of many things, but the only remark that I specially recall was one about himself. He said that he had recently sat at a dinner next to an eminent tragedienne, now dead, and that she had overpowered him with ecstatic compliments. A few days afterward he had sat next Jenny Lind, and the great singer, with a frankness which delighted him, said that she had not read a line of one of his writings and knew nothing about them. Of the two ladies, he greatly preferred Jenny Lind and enjoyed her frank indifference much more than the fulsome adulation."

And He Couldn't Have Both.

Stokeleigh—Why don't you get married, old man?

Brokeleigh—Deterred by custom.

Stokeleigh—How so?

Brokeleigh—Well, while it is permissible for me to appear in public without a wife it is not permissible for me to do so without clothes.—Brooklyn Life.

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SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, NOV. 5, 1897.

Good Morning, Judge!

BUFFALO went to the [illegible].

IOWA has a Republican plurality of about 31,000.

NEW JERSEY Assembly is Republican by a good majority.

JUDGE MORRISON will work in that new mill ten years more.

IN KANSAS the Republican ticket was generally successful.

POTTER gave Mullin 445 majority, leaving Morrison's majority in district [illegible].

OUR Swallow seemed to overcome that Brown taste in the mouth of Democracy last Tuesday.

THE Republicans will control the Maryland legislature, which gives Senator Gorman a black eye.

THE way to get a good Prohibition vote is to talk politics, and rotten politics at that, not prohibition.

MASSACHUSETTS re-elected Roger Wolcott, Republican, governor by a plurality of about 85,000. The Assembly is strongly Republican.

THE pure mountain air that prevails around Kane is evidently having a good effect on its residents, as shown by the large Swallow vote polled there Tuesday.

WONDER if they have quit voting for Mullin over in Potter county yet? It is claimed they were so busy voting for Mullin over there last Tuesday that no one could get a Swallow.

THAT there is a spirit of unrest among the Republican voters of the county was clearly demonstrated by the large vote given to Swallow, the Prohibition candidate for State Treasurer.

IN OHIO the Republicans re-elected Gov. Bushnell and the legislature will be Republican on joint ballot by a small majority, which will likely result in the re-election of Mark Hanna to the United States Senate.

VAN WYCK, Tammany's candidate was elected Mayor of Greater New York by a plurality of 81,548 over Seth Low and 118,000 over General Tracy, the Platt candidate for mayor. The legislature will be Republican by a safe majority.

"A NON-PARTISAN judiciary means the election of Eugene Mullin next Tuesday, an event that is just as sure to occur as the sun will rise on that morning."—McKean Democrat. Somehow the sun seems to have risen several times since Tuesday and yet Mullin was not elected.

SENATOR PLATT of New York by placing General Tracy in nomination for mayor, after Seth Low had been nominated by the Citizens' party, has turned the patronage of the second largest city in the world over to Tammany and given the Republican party in the Empire State a stab under the fifth rib that it will take a long time to recover from. Away with such boss rule.

IN PENNSYLVANIA Beacom, Republican candidate for State Treasurer, has a plurality over Brown, the Democratic candidate of about 125,000. McCauley, Republican candidate for Auditor General, has a plurality over Ritter, Democrat, of about 140,000. Swallow, Prohibition candidate for State Treasurer polled about 116,000 votes and had pluralities in the following ten counties: Blair, Clearfield, Clinton, Cumberland, Dauphin, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lycoming, Montour and Northumberland.

THE result of last Tuesday's election in this State, it is to be hoped, will prove beneficial to the Republican party of the commonwealth next year. There is a disquietude among the Republican voters that will prove disastrous to the party unless pure men are selected who are not tied to anyone's apron strings and who possess back bone sufficient to discharge the duties and live to the [illegible] of where the chips fall. Mr. Beacom, the candidate for State Treasurer, was slaughtered all along the line in this county last Tuesday. He may be one of the purest of men, but the voters of McKean to a large extent seemed to be dissatisfied with his admission, and chose rather to vote for Swallow or Thompson than to support the party nominee. The battle of 1897 is over. Now let us prepare for that of 1898, when we have a Governor, United States Senator and thirty Congressmen to elect, besides State Senators and Members of Assembly. As a start on the right road for purer politics the Miner again commends to its many readers Hon. C. W. Stone of Warren as our standard bearer in the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a man who is the peer of anyone in the [illegible] most honored by those who [illegible]. And having such an [illegible] to carry aloft the Republican [illegible] of Pennsylvania every [illegible] State ought to vie with [illegible] in the selection of the [illegible]

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Nov 1, 1897.—Attorney General McKenna figures out a total saving of $28,000,000 to the people of the United States by reason of the firm manner in which President McKinley insisted upon maintaining the rights of the people in all his dealings with the bidders for the purchase of the Union Pacific Railroad. The financiers knew that they would have to pay more for the road in order to get the sanction of this administration to the sale than they had offered in their negotiations with the Cleveland administration. Their first offer was about $12,000,000 in excess of the one they made to the last administration, and to that they were forced by President McKinley's firmness to add $13,000,000, in order to reach the total amount of the road's indebtedness to the government, which was the limit set by the President. When the future historian sums up the notable accomplishments of the McKinley administration, this Union Pacific business will occupy a conspicuous place. It is in fact a great achievement—perhaps one of the greatest in our civil history, and is an object lesson that might be studied with profit by those State, municipal and county authorities who are constantly allowing the professional financiers to get the advantage of the people they represent.

Those who expected Secretary Gage to make sensational financial recommendations in his annual report to Congress were disappointed with the conservative policy outlined in the statement prepared by him and made public after it was read to the cabinet. He starts out by saying that while the present satisfactory condition of things financially may continue for an indefinite period, he deems it the part of wisdom to suggest some reform in our financial system. He recommends either that steps be taken to largely increase the gold reserve, or to decrease the amount of currency in circulation, for which gold may be demanded, and expresses a preference for the latter, and that the bonded indebtedness of the country be refunded by the issuing for the entire amount of 2 1-2 per cent. bonds, payable in gold, which would save the country a very large amount of money in the shape of the higher interest that is now being paid, and would, Secretary Gage thinks, greatly strengthen the credit of the nation. Several amendments to the national banking laws are recommended, with the idea of largely increasing the amount of national bank currency. Among them being the establishment of national banks with a capital of $25,000 in places of less than 2,000 inhabitants, the reduction of taxation on their circulating notes to one-half of one per cent. per annum, the privilege to issue notes to the par value of the bonds deposited with the government, and others more or less technical in nature. That Mr. Gage hasn't been bit by the cure all ills financial dog was shown by the following modest introduction "The recommendations I take the liberty to make must be construed as tentative steps in a direction which, if consistently pursued, will ultimately lead to conditions theoretically desirable, rather than in being in themselves final measures to that end."

Secretary Wilson, among other valuable and important recommendations in his annual report, asks that educated agents of the Agricultural Department be attached to the U. S legation in all countries with which we compete in the markets of the world, in order that our farmers may be kept properly posted upon what their business rivals are doing all the time. He suggests that the agricultural colleges, endowed by Congress, are graduating men who are fitted to properly perform the duties of agents of the department in foreign countries.

The appointment of Gen Longstreet of Georgia to succeed Gen Wade Hampton as commissioner of railroads seems to have highly gratified Republicans from all sections, and especially those from the South. It has been understood ever since last year that this place would be given to General Longstreet, but for personal reasons Gen. Hampton was not hurried out of the office.

Members of President McKinley's administration have every reason to be perfectly satisfied with the status of the diplomatic relations between the U S and Spain, as would at once be apparent to the public if the long answer to the first important communication sent by President McKinley to the government of Spain was published. There are important reasons why this document has not been and will not be made public for a time—probably not until after it had been submitted to Congress.

The fact that Secretary Long has declared his opposition to the establishment of a government plant for the manufacture of armor plate has caused a dropping off of interest in the report of the board of naval officers who have been investigating, in obedience to Congress, for the purpose of reporting the best location for such a plant. A majority of them are said to favor Birmingham, Alabama.

TWIN COMRADES OF CALAMITY

For the first quarter of the present fiscal year the deficit is $29 000,000, and it would have been even more had not the people consumed more alcoholic spirits than usual and run the internal revenue receipts up a few millions. If, however, the increase in the consumption of liquor continues to expand at the same rate, the Republican party will have the profound gratification of seeing the people drink the deficit out of existence. This can hardly be regarded as a victory for temperance, but as long as it is a Republican triumph, what's the odds?—Memphis Commercial.

This sour old Bourbon ought to find comfort in the reflection that as a rule free trade gets its biggest vote in the localities where the largest quantities of whisky are consumed, and that protection thrives best where moderation and temperance abide. The withdrawal from bonded warehouse of spirits used in manufactures and the arts, will, however, account in great part for the increase of receipts from internal revenue. Manufactures and the arts have been the first to feel the impulse of prosperity. Then, too, the consumption of light wines and beer always increases in good times. Drunkenness and pauperism go together, twin comrades of free trade.—American Economist.

UNDER Cleveland and his free trade doctrine our gold reserve fell to less than $50,000,000 and bonds were repeatedly sold to keep up the needed supply. Under the Republican administration the gold reserve has reached $150,000,000 and will reach the $200,000,000 mark in the near future. The poor free trade mule of Democracy is in a sadly stripped condition indeed.

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OFFICIAL VOTE OF M'KEAN COUNTY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1897.

DISTRICTS	State Treasurer						Auditor General					Judge		Coroner			Jury Com.		
	Beacom, R	Brown, D	Swallow, Pro	Thomas, Soc L	Ebelsmith, Lib	Thompson, Ind	McCauley, R	Ritter, D	Lathrope, Pro	Barnes, Soc L	Hogan, Lib	Morrison, R	Mullin, D	Sherman, R	Walker, D	Lord, Pro	Ostrander, R	Broder, D	Dennis, Pro
Annin township	66	70	15				73	77	12			73	87	70	73	8	70	83	7
Bradford township, 1st dist.	76	30	75		1		66	65	42	1		110	61	91	63	27	93	40	[illegible]
" 2d "	92	84	33		1		59	54	25	1		90	90	69	68	11	67	67	13
Bradford city—1st ward 1st dist.	74	57	36	1		1	68	61	19	1		86	95	57	94	14	73	[illegible]	13
" " " " 2d "	63	100	30	1			67	104	10	1	1	78	111	83	121	[illegible]	64	126	9
" " 2d " 1st "	139	49	76			3	160	86	30	1		147	101	119	122		140	83	[illegible]
" " " " 2d "	108	58	71	[illegible]			113	57	[illegible]		1	119	71	92	44	13	108	65	16
" " 3d "	161	146	67	[illegible]		2	175	162	[illegible]	4		160	214	157	235	13	175	154	[illegible]
" " 4th "	183	130	87	1		8	210	129	40			215	173	136	226	[illegible]	180	[illegible]	[illegible]
" " 5th	129	95	51				142	108	28			143	134	127	157	6	141	[illegible]	14
" " 6th	130	61	73				145	74	[illegible]			176	90	167	82	14	134	79	17
Ceres township	[illegible]	42	[illegible]	1			99	43	16	1		97	51	90	46	15	86	45	13
Corydon township, 1st dist.	26	10	4				38	10	8			38	13	[illegible]	17		[illegible]	13	
" " 2d	24	6					35	6				35	8	24	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	
Eldred township	91	43	58				99	87	43			132	65	107	60	24	101	[illegible]	[illegible]
" borough	61	46	62				74	61	29			76	82	79	70	11	[illegible]	74	11
Foster township, 1st dist.	72	35	62			1	80	41	65			83	71	92	57	10	[illegible]	59	21
" 2d "	40	34	77		1		56	34	63		1	74	59	74	45	17	72	41	16
Hamlin township, 1st dist.	53	19	50	1			66	24	28			92	43	79	38		79	85	[illegible]
" 2d "	43	9	136				65	22	60			100	61	76	61	30	82	80	48
Hamilton township, 1st dist.	100	17	38	7			115	28	19			93	72	117	39	4	117	[illegible]	6
" 2d	11	4	10				15	4	5			14	7	18	7		18		
Kane borough 1st ward	43	59	57	1		1	66	48	24	1		61	62	68	64	8	76	61	5
" 2d	122	46	100	1		4	159	76	71	1		214	111	184	100	48	185	202	[illegible]
" 3d	43	16	34			6	60	19	31			59	[illegible]	83	[illegible]	13	63	[illegible]	15
Keating township, 1st dist.	101	91	[illegible]				105	103	5			83	120	104	106	4	106	104	4
" 2d "	114	27	[illegible]				117	82	16			96	71	119	30	7	119	38	
" 3d "	52	24	[illegible]				56	[illegible]	9			62	38	53	42		54	34	
Lafayette township, 1st dist.	21	42	24				21	60	18		1	43	45	24	38	4	30	38	4
" 2d	37	19	32				46	[illegible]	12		5	67	19	43	[illegible]	4	52	[illegible]	5
" 3d	35	20	26				41	[illegible]				40	33	40	35		[illegible]	[illegible]	
Liberty township	60	94	65				69	103	41			76	122	64	112	23	78	112	20
Mt Jewett borough	90	27	65	1			119	44	54	1		113	83	106	77	17	124	[illegible]	19
Otto township, 1st dist.	71	24	94	1			90	40	56	1		104	65	96	61	22	86	56	[illegible]
" 2d	52	13	74				60	19	40			81	46	61	16	[illegible]	71	53	[illegible]
Port Allegany borough	68	48	[illegible]	1			75	71	20	1		98	97	84	79	[illegible]	65	80	21
Norwich township, 1st dist.	80	23	[illegible]			1	84	35	11			86	43	83	30	6	65	29	6
" 2d	16	12	8				37	12	3			40	16	39	14	2	45	14	[illegible]
Sergeant township, 1st dist.	45	58	34				55	63	12	1		64	[illegible]	60	[illegible]	2	63	70	[illegible]
" 2d	5	9	15				11	13	4			[illegible]	[illegible]	14	13		[illegible]	13	
Smethport borough	151	70	54	2		5	178	63	24			187	[illegible]	174	89	5	176	97	[illegible]
Wetmore township, 1st dist.	21	9	64			1	84	9	50			65	[illegible]	64	12	17	64	12	17
" 2d	35	11	54	1			84	18	84			77	[illegible]	67	13	17	65	15	19
Totals	3110	1820	2212	24	9	83	3633	2148	1140	16	6	3972	3012	3586	3008	354	3732	2534	[illegible]
Pluralities	908						1480					960		740			1218		

DUN'S REPORT.

The testing of retail trade is in progress, but results are remarkably retarded by long continued mild weather and also by the fever in southern districts. Even from that quarter some large orders lately received show better distribution than was yet expected. In spite of unseasonably warm weather, which greatly hinders retail dealings in winter goods at all points east of the plains, the large number of supplementary orders with urgent pressure for quick delivery make it clear that the sales in many branches have exceeded the expectation of dealers, so that replenishment of stocks is not yet finished. Meanwhile wholesale trade and orders to manufacturers have been smaller than when the rush was greatest, but have nevertheless been large for this stage, even in a year of general prosperity, for the payments through the principal clearing houses have for the week been 3.9 per cent. larger than in the same week of 1892, and for the month 6 1 per cent.

Money markets remain free from embarrassment, and loans to Europe through purchases of long exchange amount to about $6,000,000 already, for the first time German rather than English exchange being preferred for the purpose. Commercial loans have much increased, and ten large banks report 50 per cent of their loans for the week in that form, the important feature being southern mill paper for cotton buying. Operations in dry goods were also large. Only about $500,000 went to the interior, mainly to the South, and gold is now largely used in settling clearing house balances. Exchange rose quickly when it was feared that the Union Pacific sale, in which foreign interests are about $15,000,000, might be deferred, but sank as quickly after the settlement.

Heavy engagements for outgoing wheat, covering 4,000,000 bushels this week, affect monetary prospects but still more the produce markets, for the Atlantic exports are large already, 3,864,649 bushels, flour included, against 2,344,844 for the week last year, and in four weeks 13,904,537 against 9,817,058 last year. Western receipts are not quite equal to last year's for the week, but have been 27,969,269 bushels for four weeks against 28,756,644 last year. The market advanced 2 1-2 cts., with No. 2 Red actually sold above $1 here, while speculation at St. Louis is pushing prices yet higher. The possibility that foreign exports may be checked is not to be overlooked, but the heavy engagements besides exports for four months past prove that foreign needs are real and large. The corn movement was smaller, though exports fell only 300,000 bushels below last year's, and the price advanced but slightly.

A PROTECTION FACT.

In his annual report to the State department Consul Barker, at Birmingham, England, draws attention to the fact that American competition with British trade in the British colonies is growing more and more formidable. In such lines of manufacture as brass goods, lamps, clocks and watches, glass and glassware, lead and its manufactures, steel rails, iron and steel plates and sheets, wire, printing presses, typewriters, nickel, tin and zinc, the colonial markets were until recently almost entirely monopolized by British manufacturers. At present every one of the articles named, and, in addition, cotton goods, leather and leather goods, boots, shoes and furniture, all find their way from the United States to the outlying portions of the United Kingdom in quantities so large and so steadily increasing that the British manufacturers are wondering if they are to be wholly shut out by Yankee enterprise.

All this involves a vast amount of sorrow and trouble to the theorists who have so long maintained that successful competition in the world's markets was only possible under conditions of absolute free trade. At this rate a dozen years of uninterrupted protection in the United States will upset pretty much all of the old standards and consign to the waste basket a large bundle of doctrines that have outlived their usefulness. Nothing succeeds like success, nothing is so convincing and unanswerable as a fact. Control of the home market and prosperous competition in the markets of the world is a protection fact.—American Economist.

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Mr. Low, regarding Henry George's death, said

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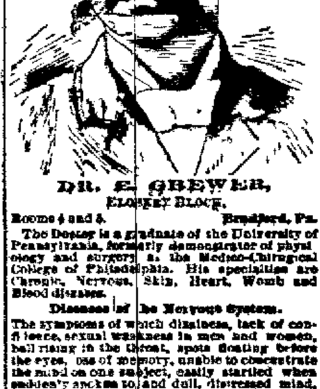

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE OF SUNDRY WRITS OF Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county, Pa., I will expose at public sale on the premises, in the borough of Mt. Jewett, on

Tuesday the 16th day of November 1897 at 10 o'clock a. m., the following described pieces of property

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate in the borough of Mt. Jewett, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post on the line between lands of the said Nels Nelson and Andrew Peterson 165 feet south of the right-of-way of the Mt. Jewett and Smethport Railroad thence north 4 degrees 45 minutes east along said dividing line one hundred and five feet (105 ft.) to the southern line of the said right-of-way, thence north 47 degrees west along said right-of-way one hundred and forty six feet (146 ft.) to a post, thence south 4 degrees 45 minutes west one hundred and five feet (105 ft.) to a post, thence south 75 degrees east one hundred and forty-six feet (146 ft.) to the place of beginning. Containing 351-1000 of an acre more or less, being a part of the lands conveyed to Nils Nilson by Charles H. Hutchinson William Hacker and Harry G. Clay, trustees by deed dated October 28th, 1891, and recorded in Deed Book Vol 65 at page 291 &c., records of McKean county and being the same land deeded to Mt. Jewett Flint Glass Company by Nils Nilson and wife by deed dated March 15th 1897, and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county in Deed Book Vol. 94 at page 523, etc.

Also—All that certain piece parcel or lot of ground in the borough of Mt Jewett, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post 165 feet south of the right-of-way of the Mt. Jewett and Smethport Railroad on the line dividing lands of Nils Nilson and the said Andrew Peterson, thence south 75 degrees east two hundred and eighty nine feet (289 ft.) to a post on the line of the railroad right-of-way aforesaid, thence along the south line of the said right-of-way north 4 degrees 45 minutes west two hundred and four feet (204 ft.) to a post, thence continuing along said right-of-way one hundred and twenty-nine feet (129 ft.) to a post the northeast corner of land conveyed or agreed to be conveyed by Nils Nilson to the said Mt. Jewett Flint Glass Company, thence south 4 degrees 45 minutes west one hundred and five feet (105 ft.) to the place of beginning. Containing 62-100 of an acre more or less, being a part of the same land conveyed to Andrew Peterson by C. Mellander by deed dated December, 1893, and recorded in Deed Book Vol. 45 at page 581, &c., records of McKean county and being the same land deeded to Mt. Jewett Flint Glass Company by Andrew Peterson and wife by deed dated March 15th 1897 and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county in Deed Book Vol 94 at page 5[illegible], etc.

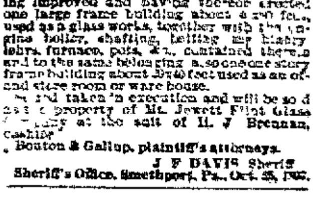
The two above described pieces of land being improved and having thereon erected one large frame building about [illegible] feet, used as a glass works, together with the engine, boiler, shafting, belting [illegible] lehrs, furnace, pots, &c., contained therein, and to the same belonging, a one story frame building about [illegible] feet used as an office and store room or ware house.

Seized and taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Mt. Jewett Flint Glass Company at the suit of H. J. Brennan, Cashier.

Bouton & Gallup, plaintiff's attorneys.

J. F. DAVIS Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., Oct. 25, 1897.



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My new stock of single patterns is unequalled in this section. All the latest patterns—no two alike.

LADIES' FURNISHINGS.

Everything in this line that the most fanciful could desire. Don't fail to see my stock before purchasing.

Mrs. E. E. Chambers,
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T. H. Purtle,
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Has the following For Sale at reasonable prices:

Two Top Buggies
One Three Spring Wagon
Two Farm Wagons, 4-in. tires
One Heavy Lumber Wagon
One Second-hand Lumber Wagon.

These will be sold at cost:

Fifteen sets of Buggy wheels
One dozen Buggy poles
Two dozen pairs of thills
2000 feet of clear pine siding
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Spring and Summer Suits.

Leave your orders now for suits. The patterns this year are way above the average, and our tailoring department was never so complete. In addition to this we carry an unrivaled stock of

READY-MADE SUITS,

For all ages. Children's suits from $1.00 up. Prices that correspond with the times.

Call and we will convince you that there not a clothing house outside of the very large cities that will give you such real bargains.

H. W. Rubin & Co.,
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FOR MORE THAN FIFTY-SIX YEARS IT HAS NEVER FAILED IN ITS WEEKLY VISITS TO THE HOMES OF FARMERS AND VILLAGERS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES.

IT HAS faithfully labored for their prosperity and happiness, for the improvement of their business and home interests, for education, for the elevation of American manhood and true womanhood.

IT HAS told at the fireside, interesting and instructive stories of the doings of the world, the Nation and States

IT HAS advised the farmer as to the most approved methods of cultivating and harvesting his crops, and the proper time to convert them into the largest possible amount of money.

IT HAS led in all matters pertaining to the welfare of farmers and villagers, and for over half a century has held their confidence and esteem.

We furnish THE MINER and "N. Y. WEEKLY TRIBUNE
One Year for $1.50
CASH IN ADVANCE.

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100 Styles of Stoves.

One advantage in buying at this store is that you can choose from one hundred styles of stoves. You can get just the stove you want. Another advantage is in prices with which no other store around here competes. Our prices are the result of buying and selling 500 stoves per year. We can only get so much business by selling low.

GAS HEATERS.

About 40 styles.

A perfect and powerful stove, 20 in. high, for $3. Move it anywhere—no chimney needed.

The Radiant Home No. 20.—the most popular open front heater ever sold here—$14.

No style of heater lacking here.
Mantle Heaters—
Pure Air Heaters—
Open and closed front heaters.

RELIABLE RANGES.

Made in 45 styles.

No one who knows about ranges doubts that the Reliable is the best range made.

We have tested it a dozen years, selling hundreds of them without one complaint. These ranges are better than the best of other range in twenty different points.

WOOD HEATERS in twelve styles and prices.

CHINA.

We carry in stock 40 styles of Dinner Sets, and all other Chinaware in proportion.

100-piece sets as low as $6.50.

Haviland Dinner Sets $30 and up. This is the only store around here selling Haviland.

Any set sold here can be matched at any time.

White China for decorating.
Toilet Sets—Fancy Pottery.
Cut Glass—Lamps.

LAMPS.

About 200 styles.

On any lamp but a very cheap lamp there is considerable saving in buying here. You will appreciate the difference in prices as compared with the usual.

PAINT.

We sell all kinds of paint, but Rubber Paint is our specialty. We recommend it because it lasts three times as long as ordinary paint.

$19.50 For a $55.00 Demorest SEWING MACHINE. Every improvement.

L. Emery, Jr., & Co.,
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PALACE PHARMACY,
Burg Chadwick, M. D., Prop.,
Retailer & Jobber of
Drugs, Patent Medicines, Extracts,
Toilet Articles, Etc.

Call and ask for a 15c. package of Horse & Cattle Powders FREE.

Fall and Winter
MILLINERY GOODS

are here and the new designs and shapes are more stylish and beautiful than ever before, if such a thing is possible. The stock was personally selected by me. A visit to any of the stores is well worth your time, and if you contemplate buying you will be the winner.

Mrs. J. W. Reilly,
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OLEAN BRANCH,
106 State Street.

EXCELSIOR!

You see it written in the Styles Fit Workmanship Wearing-qualities of our

WINTER WRAPS.

A new lot of excellent values just unpacked.

Other new goods this week

Hats and Caps
Hosiery and Underwear
Footwear
Cold Weather Goods
of all kinds.

F. G. Lindholm & Co.
GENERAL MERCHANTS,
Smethport, Pa.

Nov. 4, 1897.

THIS IS THE TIME
to have views of your residences taken.
The best time
OF THE YEAR,
consequently the best results can be obtained.
If you desire
TO BUY CRAYONS
I am still at the front.
Crayons framed $3.50.
"IKE" GLEASON, The Photographer.
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We will send to any responsible person SHOES to select from. We have everything in

Fine Shoes

In styles and quality that cannot be purchased in any small town. We make a specialty of FINE SHOES; every width and size.

BURT & PACKARD'S Korrect Shape Shoes for Men. We refer you to our many customers in Smethport.

R. W. Bloodsworth & Co.,
Olean, N. Y.

McKean County Miner

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SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, NOV. 5, 1897.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—J. Colegrove has erected an ice house at the rear of his store.

—The MINER and New York Tribune one year for $1.50. See adv.

—Miss Grace McCoy presided at the organ at St. Luke's church last Sunday.

—Eldervile is represented in our correspondence column this week. Read the letter.

—The county commissioners, prothonotary and sheriff constituted the returning board yesterday.

—Argument court was well attended last Wednesday by attorneys from different sections of the county.

—Young's Minstrels will visit Clermont to-morrow night and Port Allegany a week from Saturday.

—Your attention is directed to the ad. of D. M. Brasted in which he tells you of his elegant home made candy.

—Marcus of Olean is at his old tricks again—selling clocks so cheap that it almost takes his customers breath away.

—Roswell Sartwell has had his residence on King street beautifully decorated with paint. It looks very attractive.

—A large delegation of ladies of Brown Hive went to Eldred the first of the week to attend a meeting of the L. O. T. M. at that place.

—Elisha K. Kane of Kushequa was the happiest man in town Wednesday owing to the large Prohibition vote polled in the county Tuesday.

—All the members of St. Luke's choir who attended All Saints' service Monday forenoon received a present of a $5 gold piece. There were nine lucky recipients.

—W. H. Prentiss, president of the McKean County Band Association, has appointed Hayes Heath of the Eldred band as Musical Director for this association for the ensuing year.

—The Bee is a new paper just started at Olean. May it, like its busy namesake, gather for the people not honey but interesting and readable news and success crown its efforts.

—Lindholm & Co., have a new advertisement this week which will be to your advantage to read carefully and then give them a call. This popular store is always in line with the latest novelties in all departments.

—The front of E. M. Kerns' residence looks very fine since Dick Hewlett exercised his artistic skill with the brush upon it. Eve will find it necessary to keep a sharp watch or some one will steal it as it looks so attractive.

—Hon. R. D. Hamlin received one vote in Bradford township, first district, for Additional Law Judge. H. T. Ames of Williamsport received one vote in Ceres, one in Hamlin, first and 6 votes in Mt. Jewett borough for judge.

—The Era truthfully says: "The dirtiest, lowest, cheapest and most contemptible of men is the fellow who lies about the vote he has cast. He seeks to carry water on both shoulders for each candidate at the same time and is trusted by neither."

—Clinton county farmers will hold two institutes in December: At Lamar on the 17th and 18th and Hammersley's Forks on the 20th and 21st of that month. These institutes are becoming very popular and should be attended by every farmer in reach of them.

—A young lady once married a man by the name of Dust, against the wishes of her parents. After a short time they lived unhappily together, and she returned to her father's house, but he refused to receive her, saying: "Dust thou art, and unto Dust thou shalt return." [illegible]

—A Dunkirk girl while visiting relatives at Conewango, was asked if she ever saw anybody milk a cow, replied: "Oh, yes, indeed I have; it just tickles me to death to see uncle jerk two of the cow's faucets at the same time."—Ex.

—Miss Glennie L. Pope of Corry formerly of this place, will be joined in wedlock to Eugene Brigham of Corry, Wednesday, Nov. 10. The happy couple expect to arrive here Friday and will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Holmes.

—F. W. Digel of Colegrove while working at a hay press had his left hand quite badly cut last Friday by having it caught between the bumpers. Dr. Hamilton dressed the wound. It required three stitches to bring the cut together.

—Last Saturday night the boys took A. A. Daly's sewing machine sign and carried it to the top of a telegraph pole on Main street near the Catholic church. If sewing machines are as high in price as the sign hangs sales of machines will be rather slow.

—The report that has been going around in the newspapers that Thomas Pelky of Emporium had died in the gold mines of Klondike recently is now contradicted. It was T. H. Belanger of Emporium who died and not Pelkey. Their names got mixed.

—E. L. Smith & Co. of Olean, the well known music dealers, have a change of adv in this issue. They urge you when in need of anything in their line to let them know and they will furnish you with the best to be found. Pianos a specialty. Read their adv.

—List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Smethport for the week ending Oct 30, '97: Harry Barramore, M. Cerese Cruciano, Sarah Irwin, Miss Ganda Johnson, Geo. M. McKeone, Angelo Artolono (three), John A. Rosser, Bazzo Salvatore, Geo. Taylor and Mr. Adam Wetzell.

—There were two blank pages in the Galeton Dispatch last week. A lamp, which had been placed under the ink fountain, exploded and set fire to the floor. Outsiders rushed in and helped put out the fire. During the struggle a form was pied, which accounts for the large amount of white space.

—Purtle and Weaver are evidently preparing to enter the National League of Croquet Players next year. One night recently they played seventeen consecutive games. At the end of the 10th game each had 8. They will not disclose who the champion is, but this beats the world's record at one session.

—A red-headed comet with a large bushy tail recently passed over this boro at the rate of 1,706,837 miles a second. It was going pretty fast, but was not so rapid but that A. E. Stickles, the racket man, painted on its tail a few announcements of the wonderful bargains he has to offer. Read his change of adv.

—Corry people are excited over the discovery of a wonderful well in that city. The well is 140 feet deep, and water was found after the drill had penetrated 26 feet of solid rock. The use of the water has been the means of restoring several people who were nearly dead. Thousands of people visit the well daily.—Ex.

—Everybody should take advantage of Olmsted Bros' invitation to visit their store and purchase goods at cost. Commencing Monday, Nov. 8, all goods will be sold at wholesale prices. This is an opportunity that should not be missed. Their lines of goods are complete and you can secure some wonderful bargains.

—The farmers' institute will be held at the court house in this place Dec. 20 and 21, and at Port Allegany Dec. 22 and 23. It is to be hoped that every farmer and his better half, who possibly can, will attend the institute. If you desire to increase the value of your farm by all means attend. No better investment could be made.

—Last Friday Perry Brewer and Wheeler Ritchie of Norwich township killed a monster bear, claimed to have weighed 400 pounds. They caught old bruin in a trap and Ritchie despatched the sheep killer with his Winchester rifle. The bear was shipped to New York City. C. A. Burdick said it was the finest bear he ever saw.

—The C. L. S. C. will meet in the Baptist lecture room Tuesday, Nov. 10, when the following program will be carried out: "Imperial Germany," Mrs. Biever; "The Social Spirit in America," Mrs. Morrison; Literary study, Goethe's "Faust," Mrs. Keenan; Biographical sketch, Herbert Spencer, Mrs. Richmond; German History, Mrs. Forrythe; "News of the Week," Mrs. Shooke.

—The bridge viewers, mention of which was made in Saturday's issue, after looking over the proposed site, and listening to the testimony of a number of citizens, made a favorable report and recommended that the bridge be built and maintained at the county's expense. We believe that their finding in this matter will meet with the approval of a large majority of the residents of Kane.—Monday's Kane Republican.

—Our esteemed townsmen, Par B. Anderson and John E. Mullin, will move their law library and effects to Kane tomorrow, where they will open a law office in the Cohn building. The MINER with a host of friends unite in wishing them God speed. The citizens of Kane will be the gainers by receiving in their midst two such enterprising and energetic young men. May they have all the success their hearts desire.

—There are a large number of subscribers on our mailing list who in two weeks will owe us for four years subscription. To those who come forward and settle up before the two weeks expire will be entitled to the regular rate of $1.25 per annum. After the second week in November these accounts will be placed in the hands of a collector and $1.50 per annum will be charged and collected. Be wise and settle in time.

—What ails the women? Those in Corning appear to have grown tired of life. Mrs. Ollie E. Edwards, 35 years old, of that place, attempted suicide by taking poison last Wednesday. She had been separated from her husband and was addicted to the morphine habit. The poison did its work.—Potter Democrat. Or perhaps she was a paid up in advance subscriber to the Democrat and thought this the only means to escape receiving it.

—The Buffalo Express has published five columns of interviews, nearly 50 in number, with prominent manufacturers, lumbermen, wholesale and retail merchants, bankers, architects, and others of that city regarding business conditions. The general facts seem to be proven by unanimous testimony that there has been in the last year—in many instances in the last few months—a large increase in the number of hands employed, the output of factories and the volume of mercantile business. Bank clearings have increased and confidence prevades the entire business community. Collections are easier, real estate owners are more independent and prices have advanced despite the recent business depression. Lumbermen report an almost unprecedented demand for lumber in the West, where money is plenty, and advancing prices on certain kinds of wood. The railroad shops as well as many of the factories are busier than they have been in years.

—The following ladies read very interesting and instructive papers at the Travelers' Club last Saturday: Mrs. Julia Richmond on Gothic Conquest and Rule, Mrs. Eugenia Hamlin on the Moorish Invasion, Miss Grace McCoy, Story of the Cid. The president, Mrs. Young, had prepared a little entertainment for the ladies in the form of the Mandolin Club, three Smethport boys, who played several pretty selections, receiving a great deal of applause and a vote of thanks. The next meeting will be Visitors' Day, November 13.

—Last Sunday's Philadelphia Times contains a cut of which the writer has one of the original photographs. It is a hunting scene in which Dr. Chas. Meine and John Bodler, two hunters of Germania, Potter county, are conspicuous. A few years ago a gentleman from Philadelphia who desired to secure a good hunting scene for his camera, got Dr. Meine and Mr. Bodler to take their rifles, dogs and a mounted deer's head into the woods and pose for a photograph representing the killing of a fine buck. Thus do mighty hunters achieve fame.

—Last Saturday afternoon we had the pleasure of witnessing a game of foot ball between Lancaster and Company C of Bradford at the latter place. It was a one sided game and the soldier boys carried away the honors with ease. But this does not alter the fact that the large crowd that witnessed the game got the worth of their money for the home eleven played a lively and almost faultless game. Score: Company C 40, Lancaster 0. With the exception of the fiendish act of Devoy, Lancaster's coach, when he bit Knight on the arm, the game was a clean one.

Fire at Ludlow.

Saturday night about 12 o'clock fire was discovered in the tannery of J. G. Curtis by an engineer of the pusher. An alarm was at once given and in a short time the entire population of the town were on the scene.

The fire proved to be in the tanning building proper, and was gaining such headway that grave fears were entertained for the the safety of the other buildings of the extensive plant. Assistance was telegraphed for to Warren and soon the fire department from that place were doing heroic work in trying to check the flames, which had spread to one of the finishing rooms and the large stacks of bark in the rear of the burning buildings, but despite all efforts to save the same, one entire stack and part of two others were destroyed. An effort was made to cut the stacks, and in this manner save a portion of the bark, but the fire was so hot that it had to be abandoned. The loss will be heavy, but just how much or the amount of insurance carried, could not be ascertained this morning.

The fire originated from a gas explosion caused by a leak in the line.

By request of J. G. Curtis we extend his thanks to the workmen and citizens generally for their heroic efforts in trying to check the fire and save stock. Mr. Curtis fully realizes and appreciates the fact that had it not been for their untiring efforts, his loss would have been much more.—Kane Republican.

Death of Mrs. Rose Georgia.

The remains of Mrs. Rose Shoemaker, wife of Mr. W. Z. Georgia, of State Line Mills, were brought here to be interred in the family plot in Muncy cemetery and the funeral took place from the home of her mother, Mrs. Henrietta M. Shoemaker, at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. Beautiful funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. R. Dewitt of St. James' Episcopal church and Rev. L. J. Shoemaker of the Baptist church, at the close of which the casket was tenderly borne to the grave by Messrs. Samuel Rogers, G. L. Painter, De La Loyd and A. W. Painter. The floral offerings were beautiful consisting of several pieces and also cut flowers in profusion. Mrs. Georgia was born in Muncy thirty-seven years ago and lived here until her marriage, since which time she and her family have been frequent visitors to this place, where she had many warm friends. She leaves a devoted husband and three children, Cora L., W. Scudder and Edith M., to mourn the loss of an affectionate wife and mother.—Muncy Luminary.

Maccabee Anniversary Association.

At a meeting held in Kane Oct. 29, of the delegates from the various Hives and Tents through the counties of McKean and Elk, an association was organized to be known as the Maccabee Anniversary Association. It is the object of this organization to hold reunions and celebrate the birth of this noble order. Kane was selected as the place for holding the first reunion and several prominent speakers have already been engaged.

E. H. Watkins of Kane was elected President of the Association; Vice President, Mrs. C. R. Stewart; Secretary, Mrs. Anna B. Gifford of Smethport; Treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Maxwell of Bradford. The cost to join this Association is $100 and Hives and Tents that have not already joined are invited to do so at once. Address all communications to Anna B. Gifford, Secretary, Box 107, Smethport, Pa.

Court Minutes.

Harry Alvan Hall was admitted to practice law in McKean county Wednesday.

Jas. A. McKean was appointed guardian of Grace and Maud Husted Wednesday.

The hotel license of Rick Donovan of Kane was transferred to James Campbell Wednesday.

Pat Kilday's eating house license at Eldred was transferred to John Golden Wednesday.

How to Cure Bilious Colic.

I suffered for weeks with colic and pains in my stomach caused by biliousness and had to take medicine all the while until I used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy which cured me. I have since recommended it to a good many people. Mrs. F. Butler, Fairhaven, Conn. Persons who are subject to bilious colic can ward off the attack by taking this remedy as soon as the first symptoms appear. Sold by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

For Sale or Rent.

A good farm of 100 acres, good bearing orchard, also a fine young orchard just beginning to bear. New barn just completed. New house nearing completion. Small stream of water and good springs on premises. Will be sold on reasonable terms.

M. W. HEINLEIN,
44-4t Farmers Valley, Pa.

Disfigurement for life by burns and scalds may be avoided by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for piles and for all kinds of sores and skin troubles. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.

Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

Lemmler has the best stock of robes, blankets, horse furnishing goods, etc., ever displayed in Smethport. Call and see them.

If you wish first class carpenter work call and see me at the old reliable stand.
T. H. PURTLE.

Have you seen the new stock of robes and blankets at Lemmler's? Cheapest ever offered in Smethport.

The finest of room moulding 50 varieties to select from. Call on L. Koenig Water street.

Sale of Oil Property.

The largest deal ever recorded in oil producing property since the inception of the petroleum business, was closed in Titusville last Saturday afternoon. The magnitude of the transaction will be understood best by the purchasing price which was a cash consideration and amounted to $1,400,000.

In the deal is included all of the Devonian, Matson and Emery Companys' holdings of producing property located in the Bradford, McKean county field, located in what is known as the Ormsby, Chipmunk and Watsonville pools. The combined holdings of the three companies amounted to 20,000 acres of partly developed territory on which are located between 400 and 450 producing wells, having an aggregate production of more than 5,000 barrels a day. There are also 20 drilling wells, some nearing completion. By the transaction the various properties pass to the Midland Division of the South Penn Oil Co., and the negotiations were conducted through John L. and J. C. McKinney of Titusville, representatives of the South Penn company.

The preliminaries to the purchase began about six months ago, but owing to a failure to agree upon a price, after several weeks of "give and take," the negotiations were dropped and the deal declared off. Two weeks ago new overtures were made at a figure somewhat higher than had been named in the first proposition to purchase. In the interim, however, the development of the property had been pushed and the production almost doubled and at the time of the sale was larger than that of any other three independent producing companies in the business. The production obtained from the property up to the time of the sale had, it is reported, paid back all the money that had been invested and left the selling price, $1,400,000, a net profit to the former owners.

In the personnel of the three companies are well known and experienced operators. C. P. Collins of Bradford is president of the Devonian Oil company, and James R. Leonard and J. H. Evans, treasurer and superintendant, respectively of the same company and reside at Beaver, Pa. Mr. Matson of Bradford is president of the Matson Oil Co., and Lewis Emery, Jr., of Bradford holds the same position with the Emery Oil Co. The actual development of the properties began less than three years ago. The money consideration surpasses any involving a similar purchase, but the McKinney Bros. are thoroughly practical operators and have a full knowledge of the value of Bradford producing property and are regarded as conservative in making estimates. Both purchaser and seller came to an agreement after a protracted deliberation, and the South Penn Oil Co. takes possession of the property to-morrow morning.—Monday's Era.

Robbery at Clermont.

The large safe of the Buffalo Coal Co., at Clermont was blown open by burglars last Friday night. Mr. J. H. Tate is book-keeper for the Coal Co., and on leaving the office left the safe unlocked.

It was a double door safe and a hole one-half an inch in diameter, had been drilled just in front of the lock. The burglars evidently had the best of tools, for the hole was bored through the iron as smoothly as if it was wood. After the powder had been inserted the hole was plugged with a piece of wood made from a piece of walnut lumber, which had a groove cut in it for the fuse and rubber bands around it to make it tight. An old coat and macintosh belonging to Mr. Tate were hung in front of the safe to deaden the sound. A large hole was torn in the macintosh. The force of the explosion shattered the door and scattered the lock all over the floor, leaving the shell hanging to the safe. A piece of the top where the bolt of the safe fitted into the safe was also broken out, and the wood work damaged.

After securing the cash box the burglars carried it down to what is commonly known as the "patch" and took the spoils which amounted to about one dollar and fifty cents in nickels and pennies. A filing case for papers was taken and the papers scattered over the ground.

Saturday being pay day at the mines the burglars evidently thought the money was stored in the safe. As it was they were not very well paid for their labor. A similar attempt was made some 12 years ago, but this was frustrated by the close proximity of a dance, which frightened them away. Persons should leave their safes open and label them to that effect.

The tools were stolen from the blacksmith shop of R. Palmer & Son, and consisted of a 20 pound sledge, three chisels, a brace, a punch and a large monkey wrench.

The three-year-old boy of J. A. Johnson, of Lynn Center, Ill., is subject to attacks of croup. Mr. Johnson says that the timely use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, during a severe attack, saved his little boy's life. He is in the drug business, a member of the Johnson Bros., of that place and they handle a great many patent medicines for throat and lung diseases. He had all these to choose from, and skilled physicians ready to respond to his call, but selected this remedy for use in his own family at a time when his child's life was in danger, because he knew it to be superior to any other, and famous the county over for its cures of croup. Mr. Johnson says this is the best selling cough medicine they handle, and that it gives splendid satisfaction in all cases. Sold by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Made a New Man of Him.

Bryan, Ohio, Jan 13, 1897.

Gentlemen:—For years I had been suffering from indigestion. Had a poor appetite and could not eat anything containing grease and had constantly a worn out feeling. After using three 50-cent bottles of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin I am now able to eat anything my appetite craves and can say it has made a new man of me. Eli Bowen. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Beauty is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

"A Howling Success."

Wherever properly introduced Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, as a cure for constipation, has met with a phenomenal sale. Many druggists cannot say enough in praise of its merits, as well as its great popularity with the people. In 10c trial size and also in 50c and $1.00 sizes, of A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Have you seen "Solomon Isaacs?"
An awful fine cigar—"Solomon Isaacs."
Five cents will buy a "Solomon Isaacs."
Don't fail to get a "Solomon Isaacs" cigar.

Wm. Masser has employed a first-class bicycle repairman from Buffalo who will be able to make any repairs needed, or build new wheels.

To Cure Constipation Forever.

Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

Good house and lot for sale. Inquire at this office or of the undersigned.
M. S. COMES.

Gleason, the photographer, is now ready to take pictures of your residences.

PERSONAL MENTION.

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Miss Lena Wright visited Bradford friends yesterday.

Wilson Gallup of Colegrove was in town yesterday.

Eugene Mullin of Bradford was in town Wednesday.

F. L. Holmes transacted business at Bradford Monday.

H. K. Shaffer of Kane was in town Monday on business.

Miss Carrie Schott of Olean is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. James McGuire visited Bradford friends Monday.

William Rifle of Norwich was in town on business Monday.

Judge W. S. Brownell went to Wilcox Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rumsey visited Bradford Saturday last.

Mrs. A. T. Palmer spent Sunday with friends in Buffalo.

S. E. Bell and Waldo Sasse came down from Kane Sunday.

Mrs. John Carlson returned from Buffalo last Thursday night.

Stephen Sartwell of Port Allegany was in town briefly Friday last.

Mrs. J. S. Bissett of Bradford was visiting her parents over Sunday.

M. A. Lillibridge of Port Allegany was in town Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rogers of Duke Centre were in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Carrie Reilly visited Buffalo on a business mission on Wednesday.

F. M. Webster of Bradford was greeting old friends in town Wednesday.

E. B. Dolley of Port Allegany was transacting business in town yesterday.

C. W. Catlin of Port Allegany went to Kane from here Wednesday night.

R. C. Sasse and Miss Ida Eilingsfeld drove to Port Allegany last Sunday.

Mrs. W. S. Gifford was attending the L. O. T. M., gathering at Kane last week.

Chet King of Port Allegany was over Monday as happy and contented as ever.

'Squire E. R. Nash of Rixford of course came over to get the returns Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Berry of Bradford were guests at the Wright House Wednesday.

Col. Lucius Rogers and F. O. Richmond came down from Kane Tuesday to cast their votes.

W. W. Brewer came down from Mt. Jewett and told the boys how it happened last Tuesday.

Miss Helen McCoy is at Kane assisting in placing the opera, Maritana, on the boards at that place.

R. H. Rose of Binghamton arrived Wednesday and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hamlin.

Miss Belle A. Lillibridge and G. E. Lauer of Port Allegany were guests at the Wright House Sunday.

F. D. Wheeler and H. J. Doolittle of Eldred were most agreeable callers at this office Wednesday.

A. P. Pope came up from Corry Saturday night and spent Sunday greeting old friends and relating hunting stories.

D. C. Owings of Beaver, Pa., Government Post Office Inspector, was a guest at the Grand Central Wednesday night.

Perry Brewer of Norwich was in town yesterday. Mr. Brewer feels highly elated over assisting in killing such a fine bear.

Miss Lucy Haines of Philadelphia and Mrs. Cora Mitchell of Bradford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mitchell Wednesday.

Hon. Harry Alvan Hall of Ridgway formerly U. S. district attorney for western Pennsylvania attended Argument court Wednesday.

Mrs. Lemuel Davis of Kane came down with her husband Sunday and was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. S. D. Weaver, for a few days.

Mrs. D. C. Young returned from Harrisburg where she has been attending the convention of the State Federation of Pennsylvania Women, in time to preside at the Travelers' Club as usual last Saturday. She presented a very interesting verbal report of the work of the convention and described the cordial manner in which the delegates were entertained. Mrs. Young is of the opinion that these conventions are a source of great improvement and remarked that she was pleased to note that the Smethport club could show the best record of any in one respect—that not a single article had been omitted from their programs during the past two years.

Col. A. I. Wilcox, now of Hackensack, N. Y., but formerly a resident of this county, has been the guest for several days of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hamlin of Main street. Last Saturday it was the writer's privilege to enjoy a trip to Bradford and return in company with the Colonel, and we found him one of the most entertaining companions to be found anywhere in this region. Born in 1819 and being a close observer he has an inexhaustable fund of most intensely interesting reminiscences that he can call up at a moment's notice to relate to those who are so fortunate as to enjoy his company. The Colonel has been an extensive traveler in the United States and Mexico, being determined to secure a thorough knowledge of the wonders of our own land before venturing across the briny deep, which may be soon as he is full of vigor and a determination to seek other lands to explore. Mr. Wilcox has been an extensive lumberman in his time. Then he was largely interested in the construction of railroads and afterwards became interested in oil property. In all of these undertakings he has been successful. Although at times he has met reverses he, being possessed of indomitable energy and perseverance, would surmount these impediments and come out victorious, and now at a ripe old age he can enjoy all the comforts that a well spent life of toil and business has brought him. We say enjoy, for he is possessed of that happy faculty of the old school gentlemen of taking a great interest in the welfare of all whom he meets and striving to make them happy. And this is the entering wedge that makes all who have intercourse with him his firm and steadfast friends. What a beautiful picture to contemplate; a life of almost 80 years spent in the sharp clash of business interest and yet conducted with such fairness and honesty that all deem it a great favor to be counted as his friends. What more could any man desire? 'Tis a beautiful tribute to honesty and fair dealing. May he be spared for many years to cheer the less fortunate in life.

Something to Depend On.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develope into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home and to the surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half dozen bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at A. B. Armstrong & Co's Drug Store.

Two Millions a Year.

When people buy, try and buy again, it means they're satisfied. The people of the United States are now buying Cascarets Candy Cathartic at the rate of two million boxes a year and it will be three million before New Year's. It means merit proved, that Cascarets are the most delightful bowel regulator for everybody the year round. All druggists 10c, 25c, 50c a box, cure guaranteed.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and billiousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day: 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

J. M. Thirswend of Grosbeck, Texas, says that when he has a spell of indigestion and feels bad and sluggish, he takes two of DeWitt's Little Early Risers at night, and he is all right the next morning. Many thousands of others do the same thing. Do you? A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Ballard's Snow Liniment.

If you have a terrible pain in the small of the back, get a bottle of Snow [illegible] Sold at Chadwick's drug store.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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No council meeting was held Monday evening as there was not a quorum of select councilmen present.

Mrs. Bertha Howe and Mrs. R. B. Stone are attending the State convention of Equal Suffragists at Harrisburg.

The marriage of H. Clay Heffner and Miss Minnie Hane which took place at Salamanca May 4, has just been announced.

Robert Eason, a former Bradford man, was found dead on a derrick floor near St. Marys, W. Va., Sunday night. Death was caused by heart disease.

Last week a 3-inch pipe line eight miles long was laid by the National Transit company, from Lafayette to Sugar Run, and a pump station built in four days.

At the Presbyterian church Wednesday evening the marriage of Miss Daisy Heffner and Mr. Robert Habgood, two popular young people of this city, was solemnized.

George Garland, a woodsman from the vicinity of Glen Charles, died at the hospital Monday of typhoid fever, aged 42 years. The man had no relatives who could be found and received a pauper's burial.

The Pompelon Bottle Glass Works, employing thirty men and boys which has been shut down for the summer, resumed work Thursday. The management anticipate a very busy season and a good glass market.

Frank Julian, an Italian, and Al Nelson, a drunken Swede, had a nice time flourishing revolvers and frightening the natives Monday until soothed down by Chief of Police Buddy and his trusty billy. They were put in a good place to quiet their nerves and ponder over the results of election.

Grace Lee, a fifteen-year-old school girl, eloped with a man named Frank Brown recently, and all efforts made by her father to locate the girl have proven fruitless. Brown, who is a man 35 years old, called at the school house for the girl one afternoon. She left with him and has not been heard from since.

James C. Moore, founder and superintendent of the Industrial School for colored people at Knoxville, Tenn., spoke to a large audience at the Presbyterian church Sunday night. The institution which he represents is in need of $10,000 and Mr. Moore, who comes highly vouched for, is trying to get the help of public spirited citizens in raising the money.

A force of 150 men was put to work at the Bradford Wood Rim Factory after a temporary shut down for repairs and the placing of new machinery. This mammoth plant when running full force, as it soon will be, employs upwards of 200 men and fills orders for high grade bicycle rims from the largest cycle factories in London and Paris, as well as those in our own large cities.

Master Mechanic Bardsley of the B., R. & P. transportation force, and his staff of assistants are to have new offices. For years they have been quartered in an old baggage car, but now the business of the road is so heavy that the company have to enlarge accommodations. The new office and store room are located near the shops. They contain all conveniences, are finished inside in Georgia pine and will soon be ready for occupancy.

The first annual commencement exercises of the training school for nurses, connected with the Bradford Hospital, were held Thursday night at Pompelon Hall. Five young women who completed the two years' course and received diplomas were, Misses Nora Maher, Adline Buffington, Isabelle Starr, Harriet McClure Starr and Helen C. Buffington. The two last named went to New York Monday to take a post-graduate course in the Women's Hospital.

The sensational stories that have been going the rounds all week concerning the performing of a criminal operation on Myrtle Weiser, a deaf mute girl of Lewis Run, by her father, Jared Weiser, were discovered Sunday to be entirely without foundation. The girl, who had been sick some time, died Saturday night. An autopsy was ordered by Coroner Sherman and when held on Sunday morning proved beyond a doubt that the girl had died of septic pneumonia. Her father had been arrested on a charge of cruelty and neglect of his daughter, but was released Monday after the inquest had been held.

Co. C's escutcheon is still unscratched and likely to remain so. A crowd of what the Star aptly calls "desperate and dirty" players came down from Lancaster Saturday with the avowed intention of eating up the home team, but the only work literally in that line was done by DeVoy, who took a bite out of the sleeve of Knight's sweater, meeting his teeth in the arm below. The figurative "eating" was done on the other side of the line. Co. C boys fairly surprised themselves in the brilliancy of their team work, remarkable runs, splendid interference and the number of touchdowns made. The place kick made by Stewart, his 65-yard run and that of Robinson covering 75 yards were enough to paralyze more ferocious masticators than the Lancastrians. At the finish the score stood 40 to 0 in favor of Co. C. The touchdowns were made by Stewart, (3) Robinson, Straight, Dodge, Knight and Larcos. Goals kicked, Stewart 6 and missed 2. Evidently the visitors have not cut their wisdom teeth yet.

FOOT BALL.

Co. C's football team is trying to get a game with Pittsburg.

The game with Lancaster was dead easy but it made a big feather.

The game between Lancaster and Co. C was indeed a "twice told tale."

The next game is with Elmira Saturday, Nov. 6. DuBois wants another chance at the locals and will probably get it—in the neck.

The game between the high school team of Bradford and the Jamestown team scheduled for Tuesday, was postponed on account of wet ground.

A well-known traveling man who has seen games all over the country remarked in the corridor of the Riddell Saturday night that in his opinion Co. C could not be beaten. He had been to the game in the afternoon and would not at first believe that the boys were home grown, but was finally convinced of the fact.

ANNIN CREEK.

A. I. Buckley of Canisteo, N. Y., is in town.

Most of the sick of this place are improving.

Herman Tubbs of Mt. Alton was over one day this week.

J. W. Tubbs has moved his family into L. Phoenix's house.

Mrs. Sally Evans of Norwich is visiting relatives in this place.

John Reed of Port Allegany had business in this place one day last week.

Burt Wandover and wife are visiting friends in Allentown and vicinity.

Mrs. Frank Brown of Angelica was visiting at Niles Harder's the first of the week.

County Sup't J. E. Myers was over from Smethport last week looking after the schools.

Our school opened again Monday after a week's vacation, caused by the sickness of the teacher.

L. J. Phoenix of Addison while in this place put a new roof on his house near Annin Creek corners.

Our oldest citizens tell us that this has been the warmest and dryest October that they ever knew.

Miss Mae Belle Harder visited her aunt, Mrs. H. A. Harder, at Port Allegany a couple of days last week.

Frank Fodte and wife and S. E. Wightman and wife are spending a few days among friends at Wellsville.

Miss Anna Holcomb returned from Coudersport Thursday, where she has been visiting for several weeks.

Notwithstanding the light apple crop there there will be nearly a thousand bushels shipped from this valley.

TURTLE POINT.

Long distance telephone at T. L. Knapp's store.

Dr. McAry of Portville was in this place this week.

Election passed off quietly here, Mullin taking the majority.

Mrs. S. A. Cooper of Annin Creek is visiting friends here this week.

Mrs. Dennis Daly of Larabee called on friends here this week.

Constable Crandall was kept busy looking for a man he never found last week.

Mrs. L. E. Bush and daughter attended the meetings at Grimes district last week. Also Miss Laura Acre.

James Beatley is home from Cross Fork. It is reported that there are 40 cases of typhoid fever there.

There will be a general meeting of the Seventh-Day Adventists commencing next Wednesday at Bradford. Brother Wilcox, who represents the Lancaster Industrial School, will be in attendance. [illegible] impressive sermons on subjects of interest to all classes of people. Three boys and two girls were baptized. People came from distant places, as Shingle House, Wellsville, Andover, Bradford, Eldred, Duke Centre, Indian Creek, Austin and Keating Summit.

ELDERVILLE.

Mr. Finley is working at Kane.

Horton Lee is building rigs at Tally Ho.

George Rosecrans was in Bradford Friday.

I. M. Parks was driving his "fine" horse Sunday.

George Simpson was home from Bradford Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin of Jo Jo were calling on friends in this place last week.

The shingle mill is shut down on account of not having a sufficient supply of water.

George Rosecrans failed to appear at prayer meeting Sunday evening. "I wonder why."

Our school is progressing finely under the management of Miss Jennie Jones of this place.

Wm. Briggs is at Pleasantville on business. George Rosecrans is filling the vacancy on the lease.

Knapp & Duell's large saw mill is nearly completed. We expect the capacity will reach a high mark.

William Jones has recently improved the appearance of his residence on Fairview hill by adding many conveniences.

Miss Hattie Fraley of Smethport was in town Sunday. It was a case of "Tell them that you saw me." Some of the boys look rather sad.

Arthur Miller had the misfortune of scalding his foot while turning the steam to a well. We are glad to note that he is able to work again.

LARABEE.

Miss Grace Taylor of Turtle Point was a guest of Miss Cecil Crandall Sunday.

The husking bee given by S. P. Rickard and wife Saturday eve was a decided success in every particular.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Alva Foster of Clarksville, N. Y., are visiting at the home of Chas. Foster and wife.

Our boys did not forget that they were gentlemen on Hallowe'en, consequently the Sabbath peace was not desecrated.

Although "Jupiter Pluvious" reigned supreme on election day, it did not seem to dampen the interest of our voters on election day judging from the number in attendance at the polls.

We are glad to state that Mac Windsor of Clermont, who has been ill for the past two weeks, has so far recovered as to be able to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Windsor of this place. He is accompanied by his wife and child.

CLERMONT.

The Independent Gas Co. is now reaping the benefit of a duster after drilling to a depth of 2,800 feet. Their stock has taken a drop all of a sudden.

There are several new cases of typhoid fever in town, also several cases that are not directly attributed to fever. There seems to be more sickness in this vicinity this fall than was ever known to be here in any one season.

Geo. Rudolph is making arrangements to leave Clermont. He expects to locate at Glen Hazel, which will leave Clermont without a tailor, but as there has already been an applicant for the location, the town will not be long without one.

There are more idle men about Clermont at the present time than there has been for some time past. Even our Justice of the peace seems to have but little or nothing to do since the Independent Gas Co. have decided to take a rest.

Reduced Rates to Chattanooga via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For Pennsylvania Day at Chickamauga Battlefield, Chattanooga, Tenn., November 15, 1897, when the monuments marking the movements of Pennsylvania troops in that great battle will be dedicated, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from all points on its line in Pennsylvania at the extremely low rate of one cent a mile, short-line distance, tickets to be sold November 9 to 13, good to leave Chattanooga returning until November 23, 1897, inclusive.

Tickets via Pittsburg will be sold going and returning via same route, or going via Cincinnati and Lexington, returning via Nashville and Louisville, or vice versa.

"The worst cold I ever had in my life was cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes W. H. Norton of Sutter Creek, Cal. "This cold left me with a cough and I was expectorating all the time. The Remedy cured me, and I want all my friends when troubled with a cough or cold to use it, for it will do them good." Sold by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

You can't cure consumption but you can avoid it and cure every form of throat or lung trouble by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

4 lb. feather pillows 48c. Alarm clox 85c. RACKET.

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OPTICIAN,
of KANE.
WILL VISIT
Dr. Chadwick's Drug Store,
ON
TUESDAY, NOV. 9th,
where he will TEST EYES and ADJUST GLASSES to correct all errors of refraction.
Test Free.
Correction Guaranteed.

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FOR
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EXTRACTION.
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If You Don't Find What You Want
in other Agricultural Journals try
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52 Times a Year For $1.00.
Send for free sample copy.
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A GREAT BIG
BARGAIN
IN 5-CENT HANDKERCHIEFS
that we R running at 1c each. Only 2 for each purchaser at this price. Also a large line fine Swiss goods & silk mufflers. Silk ties from 10c to 65c. Fancy steel sleds & the price will surprise U. Bamboo easels from 25c to $1.25. Have you saw our 1492 wood Columbus clock? Talk about canny—we buy the stick by the cord & sell it 2 U for 10c lb. The finest chocolates at 20c lb. Good wood chairs $2.50 set 6 up to $6.25 set. On tinware we can't B beat. Tin wash basin 4c, steel enam'l'd 10c. These 2 R 10 & 40c goods. Just arrived a lot of those Coudersport wool pantz, $1.48 pair. The best bargain in wool horse blankets—a $5 blanket at $2.50. 3-cornered 4 inch file 2c each—good material slightly imperfect. Come early & select your Holiday goods while you have a good selection for at my prices they wil not last long. Ask 2 C those 15c Japanese tea pots—U wil want 1. Secure your underwear now while they are cheap, for the next lot will cost more. Get your flour where it is warranted good & cheap. Don't B fool'd into paying fancy prices. Don't reason teach U that U can get goods much cheaper for cash than they can B sold for on time? Our 25c long sleeve vests R the same some R selling at 50c. Our clothes pins at 1c doz R the same others sell at 5c doz. Slate pencils 10 for 1c. 25c stove pipe for 13c. 10c envelopes 2c pack. People that will hang 2 these old regulars & have the wool pull'd over their eyes & pay these old pancy prices must B dum dam fools & lose coddling & smoothe tongue flattery. We R here to sell goods & if our prices will not sell them we will not coax U. It is the cash that takes our goods.
A. E. STICKLES, Smethport, Pa.

Fresh Home Made Candy at
Brasted's

Stark's Steam Laundry.
First-Class Work. Up-to-Date Prices.
I am prepared, having employed a practical laundryman, to do everything in my line. Family washing a specialty.
Laundry called for Mondays and Wednesdays and delivered when ordered. WORK GUARANTEED.
Backus Block, SMETHPORT, PA.
Wash Stark, Manager and Proprietor.

J. C. STULL, Farmers Valley.
New Goods! Lowest Prices!
My store is chock full of new goods and going at prices that are lower than ever before. Dry Goods, Groceries, Grain, Mill Stuff, Hardware, Gent's Furnishing Goods, Boots and Shoes and all kinds of Rubber Goods. Sole agent for Snag Proof Rubber Goods in this vicinity. Your patronage solicited. Yours Truly,
J. C. Stull.

Every Lady
who has examined our line of JACKETS and CAPES remarks that it is the largest and most complete line ever shown in Smethport. We have them all unpacked now and ready for your inspection. The stock embraces a complete line of
Jackets,
PLUSH and CLOTH
Capes.
The Plush Capes are very stylish this fall.
Jackets are a trifle longer with buttons mostly all out of sight and have braid trimming. We have about
One Hundred
different styles to select from, so come early and get your choice of the styles.
We guarantee every garment to give satisfaction and make it right at any time. You have no risk to run if you buy from us. Prices lower than any place in town—quality and value considered.
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Next to Bank,
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Are you Going to buy a
Mower, Reaper or Binder?
Wm. Masser is agent for the JOHNSTON HARVESTING CO., of Batavia, N. Y. He will be pleased to show Machines and quote prices. Also Walker, Stratman & Co.'s Fertilizers, at low prices.
WILLIAM MASSER,
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STOVES.
This is the time of year when you will want to find the place where you can get the most suitable stove for the least money. We want your trade and we offer the greatest inducement—the best values for the least money.
We have in stock 50 styles of
COOK STOVES,
HEATERS,
RANGES,
for gas coal and wood
FROM $2.00 UP.
Our long experience enables us to put the best stove on the market at very low prices.
Try Mason before you purchase a stove, heater or range.
Mason's Hardware,
Smethport, Pa.

FOR 1897
I have received a large invoice of
Wall Paper,
all of the latest designs. Call at the
Furniture Store of Specht & Sasse
and examine my stock.
Experienced paper hangers furnished when desired, and all work gurranted.
C. SASSE,
Smethport, Pa.

Now is the Time
to Buy Buggies.
During the balance of this month we will sell
BUGGIES AT A
DISCOUNT FOR CASH.
We have some good Bargains in second-hand Buggies. Don't let this opportunity go by without at least coming in and looking over our stock.
Oak Leather Harness & Carriage Co.,
192 Union Street,
Sign OLEAN, N. Y.
GRAY HORSE.

LEE ONN'S
Smethport Steam Laundry.
FIRST-CLASS WORK.
—CUT PRICES—
Shirts, 5c; lace curtains, 25 cts pair; family washing 50c per basket; shirt waists 5c. Laundry when ordered.
Have employed two laundrymen, and can do the very best kind of work.
Satisfaction guaranteed.
Laundry collected and delivered.

When I Get Time.

When I get time,
I know what I shall do.
I'll cut the leaves of all my books
And read them through and through.

When I get time,
I'll write some letters then
That I have owed for weeks and weeks
To many, many men.

When I get time,
I'll pay those bills I owe,
And with those bills, those countless bills,
I will not be so slow.

When I get time,
I'll regulate my life
In such a way that I may get
Acquainted with my wife.

When I get time—
Oh, glorious dream of bliss!—
A month, a year, ten years from now!
But I can't finish this—
I have no time. —Vogue.

A PIANO FULL OF WASPS.

They Kept Quiet Until the Professor Struck the Loud Notes.

The piano was an old grand. It had not been used for months. The company had arrived in town but a short time before the performance began; hence there had been no time to test the instrument. Nevertheless, the professor boldly opened wide the lids of the long unused grand and then sat down to the keys. The first touch convinced him that the notes were still clear and strong, and that whatever defects in tune there might be would be very slight, so he began the soul inspiring selection.

Now, it happened that in all the months in which the piano had remained unused a colony of yellow jacket wasps had industriously built themselves a home in the shape of a nest as large as a good sized saucer. The soft pianissimo prelude to the selection gently woke the wasps from their sweet dreams. But when the soft pedal was released and the notes grew vigorous and the piano began to reverberate to the louder passages the disturbed wasps suspected danger. They curled their backs and stretched and shook their gauzy wings viciously. The professor, unmindful of the fact that the music, far from soothing the savage breast of the vicious wasps ambushed within that piano, was rousing their ire, played on. From pianissimo to piano and from piano with one bound to fortissimo the composition ran. All the while the wasps fluttered their wings wickedly, viciously, and all the while the professor played. Now came the climax; now he was throwing together vast handfuls of notes in the basso profundo region of the instrument. Just as the grand was belching forth from its innermost soul the musical thunder of that great Wagnerian opera the vengeance hunting army of yellow jacket wasps swept out of the instrument, with a humming war song, down the hallway and upon the audience. Suddenly soul rending shrieks resounded through the hall. Men and women were striking about their heads, benches were upset, and a general stampede for windows and doors ensued. Over the terrible uproar a shrill, piping voice could be heard shrieking:

"Sharlie, come mit! Ach, Sharlie, come mit!"

Long before the outraged burghers of Kerrville were up a little band of men with baggage galore wended their way out of the town and sat down on the railroad track. They were the stereoptico-musical aggregation of San Antonio, and their faces, as they recounted the horrors through which they had passed, were the image of that of Napoleon on the night of Waterloo. They flagged the south bound passenger train and took passage for San Antonio. Their wisdom in slipping out of town under cover of night has never been questioned.—San Antonio Express.

WITH THREADS OF METAL.

Tinsel Fabrics and the More Costly Brocades of Gold and Silver.

Tinsel fabrics are the lower priced of the cloths into which gold or silver threads have been woven. In tinsel fabrics the gold threads are of brass or copper, gilded, and the silver threads are of white metal. These threads of metal, originally fine wire, are rolled flat and burnished, and they glisten in the fabric whenever the pattern brings them to the surface. Tinsel fabrics are made about three-fourths of a yard in width, and they sell at 75 cents to $2.50 a yard. They come in various colors, and many of them are beautiful and artistic in design. Some are copies of old Venetian tapestries. Tinsel fabrics are used for church and for theatrical purposes and sometimes for gowns and for decorative purposes.

The costlier fabrics, with interwoven metal threads, are called gold and silver brocades. In these the gold threads are of silver, gold plated, and the silver threads are of pure silver; the body of the fabric is of silk. The brocades are all beautiful, and many of them are exceedingly so. These fabrics are made about five-eighths of a yard in width, and they sell at various prices up to $25 and sometimes as high as $50 a yard. The costliest of these fabrics are very rarely imported into this country, brocades at $10 and $12 a yard being about the highest priced used here. If more elaborate fabrics are required, they are usually imported to order. The finer fabrics, with metal threads, are made in France, the commoner kinds in Germany.

Gold and silver brocades are here used almost exclusively for church purposes and chiefly for vestments. They are imported in red, violet and green and also in black with silver threads, the black and silver being for mourning. Gold and silver brocades are also used to a limited extent for decorative purposes.

Such fabrics and gold embroidery, often of the costliest description, are far more commonly used in Europe than here, both for church and for military purposes.—New York Sun.

A Story That Was Not Told.

An accomplished interviewer went to get the story of an old hermit who lives on a little lake in the upper part of the state where only a few clearings break the monotony of forest. A delicate approach was made to the main subject and then the six footer, with long white beard and hair, was asked if he had a family.

"Certainly," came the response. "I've tried to play my proper part in the world just like any other man who has an idea that he was put here for something."

"Where are your folks?"

"Back east, where I left them. My wife and five children have a fine home on a big farm. To be accurate, it's one of the finest in the state."

"Do they ever come to see you?"

"They were all up here about four weeks ago. Brought their bedding with them, hunted, fished, visited and had a good time generally. My youngest boy wants to take up some land and make a farmer of himself."

"Do you ever intend to go back where they are to make your home?"

"No. I like it here; they like it there. What's the sense of either them or me putting in the time where it's not enjoyable?"

"Did you have any trouble with your wife?"

The old man sat and smoked and seemed to be in deep study.

"Trying to put the story together?" asked the interviewer.

"No, young man. I was just having a mental debate whether I'd throw you through the window or give you those stairs to get off the place."

In less than half the time the hermit [illegible].—Detroit Free Press.

A [illegible] soldier was the first [illegible] in the civil war. He [illegible] 20 days later [illegible]

LINCOLN AT GETTYSBURG.

Account of How He First Wrote His Famous Speech.

Speaking of the dedication of the national cemetery at Gettysburg and Mr. Lincoln's famous address delivered on that occasion, Nov. 19, 1863, Governor Curtin began by saying that there had been much discussion as to how and when that address was written, and he continued, says The Independent:

"I can tell you all about that. Of course I was there, and the president and his cabinet had arrived and were at the hotel. Soon after his arrival, as we were sitting around in the parlor, Mr. Lincoln looked thoughtful for a moment or two and then said: 'I believe, gentlemen, the committee are expecting me to say something here today. If you will excuse me, I will go into this room here and prepare it.' After a time he returned, holding in his hand a large, yellow government envelope, on which he had written his address.

"'Here, gentlemen,' he said, 'I want to read this to you to see if it will do.' And, sitting down, he read it to us and then said: 'Now for your criticisms. Will it do? What do you say?'

"Several spoke in favor of it, and one or two commended it in strong terms. 'Well,' says the president, 'haven't you any criticisms? What do you say, Seward?'

"Mr. Seward made one or two suggestions bearing on some slight verbal changes, which I believe Mr. Lincoln incorporated.

"'Now, if you will allow me, gentlemen,' continued the president, 'I will copy this off.' And he again withdrew made a copy of the address.

"Ah," continued the governor, "if I had had wit enough about me to have begged of him that yellow envelope, what a trophy it would have been! How much it would have been worth to some of the ladies' fairs which a little later began to be held to raise money for the hospitals and the soldiers. But I did not think of it then."

HUMOR AND ITS USES.

It Is the Sunshine of the World, but May Be Overworked.

"Humor is the very sunshine of the world," writes Carrie E. Garrett in The Woman's Home Companion. "Hardly any other single gift will go so far to refresh and inspire one in everyday life and keep the heart still young. It steals merrily across the workaday world, animating the dreariest monotony and finding place in the most hopeless destiny. Such a gay traveling companion is humor for the pilgrimage of life.

"The woman with a sense of humor has a safeguard against ennui, against folly and against despair. She can never be dull so long as the comedy of life is being played before her eyes. With a keen sense of the ridiculous she is not likely to 'make a fool of herself,' and she will never be hopelessly unhappy, for she will find in the most adverse fate something still to laugh at, and after all laughter is your true alchemist. However it may be with the unmusical person, surely the surly individual who cannot laugh spontaneously on occasions is 'fit for treasons, strategems and spoils.'

"But this blessed gift of humor should be used to lift the shadows of life, not to deepen them. A joke which causes another a pang of humiliation or makes some sensitive heartache is not only a cruel sort of amusement, but it is also a very expensive indulgence. For just a moment's gratification at having made a 'hit' the 'funny woman' may forever lose a friend and may even arouse a very genuine spirit of enmity. We learn to forgive and mayhap forget many injuries in life's troubled journey, but perhaps among the wounds that rankle longest in the human heart are those which are made 'only in fun.'"

Hurt No One and No One Hurt Him.

At the battle of Chickamauga I saw a fellow shooting straight up in the air and praying as lustily as ever one of Cromwell's roundheads prayed.

The Presbyterians of 1646 prayed loud and sang hymns in battle, but they shot straight at the cavaliers every time. This fellow was blazing away at the sky, and when Lieutenant Killingworth remonstrated with him about it he paid no attention to him whatever. Captain Joe Billingsley threatened to cut him down with his sword if he didn't shoot at the enemy, for the woods in front were full of them. He merely remarked to the captain, "You can kill me if you want to, but I am not going to appear before my God with the blood of my fellow man on my soul."

He never flinched, but stood squarely up, exposed to every volley of the enemy's fire. When the sun set on the evening of Sept. 19, 1863, Captain J. C. Billingsley and Lieutenant Allen Killingworth both lay dead on the battlefield of Chickamauga, and R—— went through without a scratch.—Cor. Galveston News.

The Editor's Own Poetry.

Editor (to old schoolmate)—It hurts me, old fellow, to wound your feelings, but really we are so overstocked with poetry that it's useless to read yours. We can only accept what shows unmistakable genius.

Old Schoolmate—Well, just read that poem and tell me what you think of it.

Editor (having read the poem)—It is as I feared; the poem shows no promise whatever. Pardon me, but it is simply absurd.

Old Schoolmate (with a broad grin)—That's just what I thought. It's a copy of some verses you wrote in my autograph album while we were at school together.—Pearson's Weekly.

A Woman's Movement.

The presidents of the 23 literary clubs which compose the Federation of Woman's Clubs in Kentucky at a recent meeting which they held for the purpose of interchanging ideas upon club work decided among other things to endeavor to establish a bird day in the public schools of the different cities of the state. This will be one effort in a movement to preserve the birds. The presidents will also use their influence to have literature upon the subject disseminated, as they believe women are ignorant of the vast destruction of birds caused by their feather trimmed hats.

An English writer asserts that there never was any Grub street in London, the name having been invented by Pope. Hungry authors became identified with that street because they were always trying to find it.

No Possible Danger.

"What do you consider the most absolutely certain way to distinguish toadstools from mushrooms?"

"Cook them, get some other man to eat them and then watch his symptoms."—Chicago Tribune.

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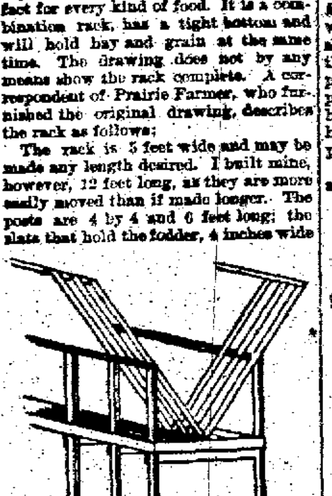
FARM AND GARDEN

FEED RACK FOR FODDER.

It Is a Combination Affair and Will Hold Hay and Grain.

The following cut shows the outlines of a feed rack in use for a number of years not only for corn fodder, but for hay, straw, ensilage, meal, corn and in fact for every kind of food. It is a combination rack, has a tight bottom and will hold hay and grain at the same time. The drawing does not by any means show the rack complete. A correspondent of Prairie Farmer, who furnished the original drawing, describes the rack as follows:

The rack is 5 feet wide and may be made any length desired. I built mine, however, 12 feet long, as they are more easily moved than if made longer. The posts are 4 by 4 and 6 feet long; the slats that hold the fodder, 4 inches wide and 8 feet long; the space between the slats is just 4 inches. A 2 by 4 is spiked on top of the posts and another is placed through the center at the bottom. To these the slats are nailed. The bottom is made of fencing and a 6 inch board is put around outside to hold ensilage, grain, etc. The rack is not expensive to build and is strong and durable. It can be used in sheds or half of the rack may be placed around the outside of stable. I use these racks in yard, and around the outside use half, allowing tight board fence to form the back of the rack.



AN EXCELLENT FEED RACK.

It is the best rack for feeding whole corn fodder I ever saw. I throw in bundles of fodder, reach through between the slats with a jackknife and cut the strings. The stock cannot pull the stalks out and scatter them about the yard, as is the case with low down, open racks. Every bit of foliage will be pulled off, not a particle of waste beyond the bare stalks. Whenever necessary, clean out the stalks, place them in a pile somewhere—mixing manure with them—to rot.

We are about to make a rack similar to this for sheep. It will be lower, of course, and not so wide, and the slats will be placed straight up and down to avoid any litter falling into the wool. A 2 by 4 board, or fence board, will be nailed on to keep the sheep from getting into the rack with the fore feet.

Storing Beets In Pits.

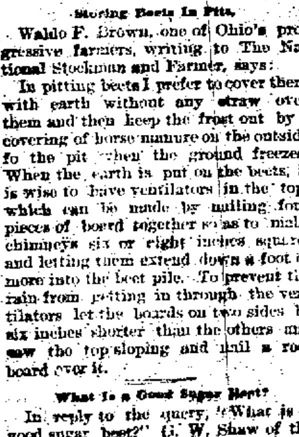
Waldo F. Brown, one of Ohio's progressive farmers, writing to The National Stockman and Farmer, says:

In pitting beets I prefer to cover them with earth without any straw over them and then keep the frost out by a covering of horse manure on the outside to the pit when the ground freezes. When the earth is put on the beets, it is wise to have ventilators in the top, which can be made by nailing four pieces of board together so as to make chimneys six or eight inches square, and letting them extend down a foot or more into the beet pile. To prevent the rain from getting in through the ventilators let the boards on two sides be six inches shorter than the others and saw the top sloping and nail a roof board over it.

What Is a Good Sugar Beet?

In reply to the query, "What is a good sugar beet?" G. W. Shaw of the Oregon station says:

Many farmers have a wrong idea as to what constitutes a good beet for sugar purposes. Contrary to a popular idea which is quite extant in the state, the beet should be small, with a large leafy top. Brien says: "The size of the beet is in the inverse ratio of its sugars and salts; the content of water increases with the size and weight of the beet."



A TYPICAL SUGAR BEET.

In general, the standard adopted seems to be a beet weighing from 1½ to 1¾ pounds, carrying 14 per cent sugar and having a purity of 80 per cent, although factories will accept beets weighing as high as three pounds and having as low as 12 per cent sugar. A typical sugar beet is shown in the cut.

The average sugar content and purity for the states where sugar is now being manufactured from beets is as follows:

	Sugar.	Purity.
California	14.9	80
Nebraska	12.6	80
Utah	14.5	80
Wisconsin	12.4	76

A Piece of Parchment.

When unwritten on, is not more colorless than the cadaverous countenances of those unfortunate persons, whom we are accustomed to call "confirmed invalids." What a misnomer! Implying, too, despair, a giving up for lost! As long as the vivifying power of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters can be felt, and that is possible so long as there is no absolute collapse of the faculties, fresh vitality can be infused into wasted, feeble frames; color and flesh can be brought back to wasted, pallid cheeks with this grand sheet anchor of the debilitated and the sickly. It is a tonic of the greatest potency and the utmost purity, and a remedy for and preventive of dyspepsia, bilious, malarious, rheumatic, nervous and kidney complaints. Appetite and sleep are greatly aided by it; it counteracts the effects of undue fatigue, or excitement and nullifies the often perilous consequences of exposure in inclement weather or damp clothing.

J. C. Berry, one of the best known citizens of Spencer, Mo., testifies that he cured himself of the worst kind of piles by using a few boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. He had been troubled with piles over thirty years and had used many different kinds of so-called cures; but DeWitt's was the one that did the work and he will verify this statement if anyone wishes to write him. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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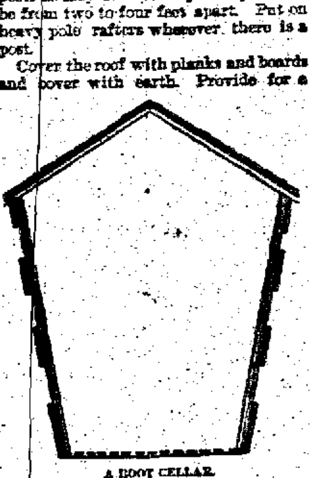
KEEPING ROOTS.

An Inexpensive Plan For Keeping Same For Feeding Purposes.

An Illinois farmer, being desirous of procuring a root cellar for keeping mangel wurzels and other roots for the winter feeding of stock, applied to Country Gentleman for advice. He wanted an inexpensive arrangement and one that required no skilled labor in its construction. Following are the suggestions elicited:

Dig a hole 4 to 8 feet wide and as long as may be necessary to contain the roots; preferably it should be dug into a hill or rather in ground which slopes moderately. The sides should depart about 20 degrees from the perpendicular. Lay two or three planks against the walls. Rear as many posts as may be necessary. They should be from two to four feet apart. Put on heavy pole rafters wherever there is a post.

Cover the roof with planks and boards and cover with earth. Provide for a door in the end which is on the low ground. This end should be double boarded and the space filled with straw or some other like material, as should also the end and the roof where it may not be convenient to cover with earth.



A ROOT CELLAR.

Drought and Wheat Sowing.

It has been evident ever since midsummer that American farmers were inclined to put in an exceedingly large acreage of wheat this season. This did not seem to be confined to any particular district or to any section of the country, but it was a general purpose on the part of farmers everywhere. "Events have transpired, though," says The National Stockman, "which have largely curtailed this possible acreage. The very dry weather of the past two or three months has rendered seeding practically impossible in many places, and the protraction of the drought has been such as to cut off all hope in some of these places of getting in a crop of winter wheat at all this season. In other places much of that sown is getting a bad start for the same reason, so that it looks now as though the acreage of winter wheat for 1898 would be less rather than greater than normal. The same conditions are reported from some of the wheat growing countries beyond the Atlantic, so that as far as can now be seen wheat is certain to net good strong prices next year."

The New England Fruits.

This season's apple crop of New England is below the average. Here is a report from The New England Homestead: The Baldwin, which always held the first place and which produced such enormous crops in 1896, has produced not more than one-half the amount of last year and is not as profitable as some of the earlier varieties. Rome Beauty has done fairly well, also the Hubbardston, but as a rule the entire apple crop will not be over one-tenth of what it was last year. The McIntosh Red is a promising early winter variety. Pears are very abundant in the eastern states and of excellent quality. The plum crop is unusually good. The older varieties, well known a generation ago, still maintain their standard of quality, but the Japan plums and particularly the Burbank hybrids are heavier bearers. The cherry crop was very good, and peaches were more plentiful than they have been for several years past, thus stimulating the planting of peach orchards. The quince is not a promising fruit in New England, yet well managed orchards are proving profitable.

Cheapness of Flaxseed.

Considering its nutritive value, flaxseed is now a cheaper feed than almost any other grain, but it is so concentrated a food that only a little can be fed with advantage at any one time. We think that farmers who do not grow flaxseed—as very few in the east now do—might profitably buy some linseed meal, which for feeding purposes is better than the whole seed, and use it with other feeds. The new process oilmeal contains very little oil. It is therefore all the richer in nitrogenous nutrition. It has sold very low the past two or three years, because grains of all kinds have been so cheap. Now that grain is likely to be higher oilmeal will also be dearer. But it makes so rich a manure that aside from its feeding value this alone is likely to be nearly as valuable as the cost of the meal, besides its value for feeding.—American Cultivator.

News and Notes.

The 1897 commercial crop of onions is estimated by American Agriculturist at 2,300,000 bushels.

After much experience with various wraps and washes to protect trees from rabbits a correspondent of American Agriculturist finds wrapping with burlap is the most effective.

Irrigation at the west has had a big boom from the recent irrigation congress at Lincoln, Neb. Thirteen states were represented.

It is made to appear that exports of corn are permanently larger than ever before.

The cranberry crop is said to be the smallest in years.

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MOONSHINER IN REAL LIFE.

Quite Different From His Lineaments as Seen on the Stage.

The Kentucky [illegible] [illegible] a moonshiner [illegible] [illegible] makes [illegible] the stage [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and he is [illegible] [illegible] ramble along in a pair of [illegible] brogans than to wear [illegible] [illegible] is usually a torn straw "[illegible]" and his clothes are yellow and faded [illegible]. Regularly, on days when the grand jury meets in Louisville, a dozen or more of the moonshiners are presented for indictment. They present a woebegone appearance as they pass along the streets in charge of the marshal. In their own poor homes in the mountains they are hospitable, but of the stranger ever suspicious. The latter may make his bed in the one room where the entire family sleeps, but his request for a taste of liquor brings forth a statement that none is to be had this side of "the store." At the same time a still may be in operation within ten feet of his whereabouts.

"The store" represents to the mountaineer all civilization. On winter mornings he will tramp to it through cold and snow to sell a few stiff rabbits and swap yarns not overbrilliant. One of the mountaineer's chief sources of income is his honey, and this finds ready sale at "the store." The moonshiner seldom receives money in pay for his wares, but is paid in a bit of bright calico for his wife or a shoulder of bacon. If he can add to this a few pipefuls of tobacco, he is well satisfied with the results of his labors.—New York Commercial.

Calmness In Emergency.

Dr. Weir Mitchell, lecturing to a school of nurses lately upon the necessity of self control in emergencies, told the following incident: "One of his patients, while in a low, nervous condition, swallowed by mistake a dose from the wrong bottle. She shrieked out that she was poisoned. One of the nurses screamed 'Aconite!' and began to cry hysterically. The other nurse, seeing that the patient was going into convulsions from terror, when relief would be impossible, said coolly: 'Don't be frightened. Look here,' taking a mouthful of the dose herself. She then went outside to rid her mouth of it, procured an emetic and sent for a doctor and a stomach pump. Her calmness saved the life of the patient."

The Largest Book.

Professor Max Muller of Oxford, in a recent lecture, called attention to the largest book in the world, the wonderful Kuth Daw. It consists of 729 parts, in the shape of white marble plates covered with inscriptions, each plate built over with a temple of brick. It is found near the old priest city of Mandalay, in Burma, and this temple city of more than 700 pagodas virtually makes up this monster book.

In the northern parts of China there are many villages which are almost deserted in winter, the inhabitants going south, where they live by begging. They form regular guilds and literally compel shopkeepers to help them by threatening to cause a riot in front of their stores, which Chinese merchants abhor.

The best thing with which a mother can crown her daughter is a common sense knowledge of the distinctly feminine physiology. Every woman should thoroughly understand her own nature. Every woman should understand the supreme importance of keeping herself well and strong in a womanly way. Nearly all of the pains and aches, nearly all the weakness and sickness and suffering of women is due to disorders or disease of the organs distinctly feminine.

A woman who suffers in this way is unfitted for wifehood and motherhood. Maternity is a menace of death. Thousands of women suffer in this way because their innate modesty will not permit them to submit to the disgusting examinations and local treatment insisted upon by the average physician. These ordeals are unnecessary. Dr. R. V. Pierce, an eminent and skillful specialist, for thirty years chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y., has discovered a wonderful remedy with which women may treat and speedily cure themselves in the privacy of their own homes. This medicine is known as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It acts directly on the delicate and important organs concerned. It makes them well and strong. It allays inflammation, heals ulceration, soothes pain and rests the tortured nerves. Taken during the critical period, it banishes the usual discomforts and makes baby's advent easy and almost painless. Thousands of women who were once weak, sickly, nervous fretful invalids, are now happy, healthy wives, because of this medicine. It is sold by all good medicine dealers and no honest dealer will advise a substitute.

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Smethport, Aug. 9th, 1897.

TRAVELER'S GUIDE.

TIME TABLE

WESTERN NEW YORK & PENNSYLVANIA

In effect April 18, 1897.

Trains leave Smethport for Larrabee, Eldred, Olean, Bradford, Rochester and Buffalo as follows:

Buffalo Express, daily except Sunday 7:28 a. m.
*Buffalo Mail, daily except Sunday 3:30 p. m.
Local for Olean, daily except Sunday, 12:22 p. m.
*Train leaving Smethport 3:30 p. m. connects at Olean with River Division for Allegany, Salamanca, Oil City and Pittsburg.

For Clermont, and points south.

*Clermont Local, daily ex Sunday 8:20 a. m.
Clermont Acc'tion daily ex Sunday 12:47 p. m.
Clermont Acc'tion daily ex Sunday 7:10 p. m.
*Clermont Local connects through to Johnsonburg.

For Larrabee, Port Allegany, Coudersport and points south:

Mail, daily ex Sunday 11:30 a. m.
Mail, daily ex Sunday connects at Emporium for Philadelphia 6:30 p. m.

Get Time Tables giving full information from A. E. Worner, Ticket Agent,
H. Bell, General Supt.,
J. A. Fellows, Gen. Pass'r. & Tkt. Agt.
General offices Mooney Brisbane Bldg., Cor. Main and Clinton sts. Buffalo N. Y.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect August 1, 1897.

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD.

8:25 a. m.—Train 8, weekdays, for Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:23 p. m., New York 9:30 p. m., Baltimore 6:00 p. m., Washington 7:15 p. m. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia, and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

3:25 p. m.—Train 6, weekdays, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4:30 a. m., New York 7:33 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

8:20 p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 6:52 a. m., New York 9:33 a. m., week days (10:38 a. m. Sundays); Baltimore 6:20 a. m., Washington 7:40 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Washington and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Harrisburg.

WESTWARD.

5:10 a. m.—Train 9, weekdays, for Ridgway, DuBois Clermont and intermediate stations.
10:30 a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and intermediate stations.
6:25 p. m.—Train 15, weekdays, for Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS for EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Train 9 leaves New York 5:55 p. m., Philadelphia 8:50 p. m., Washington 7:20 p. m., Baltimore 8:20 p. m., arriving at Emporium Junc. 5:10 a. m., weekdays, with Pullman sleepers and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport.

Train 3, leaves New York 7:55 p. m., Philadelphia 11:20 p. m., Washington 10:40 p. m., Baltimore 11:50 p. m., daily arriving at Emporium Junc. 10:30 a. m., with Pullman Palace sleeping cars from Philadelphia, Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and Baltimore to Williamsport, on Sundays only, Pullman sleeper Philadelphia to Erie.

Train 15 leaves Philadelphia 8:30 a. m., Washington 7:50 a. m., Baltimore 8:50 a. m., Wilkesbarre 10:15 a. m., weekdays, arriving at Emporium Junction 6:20 p. m. with Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches to Kane.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD.

Weekdays.

NORTH	STATIONS.	SOUTH
A. M. Lv.		Ar. P. M.
9 55	Ridgway	12 04
10 [illegible]	Johnsonburg	11 [illegible]
10 [illegible]	Hedlips	11 [illegible]
10 2[illegible]	Glen Hazel	11 [illegible]
10 32	Straight	11 22
10 3[illegible]	Instanter	11 19
10 42	Smith's Run	11 12
10 4[illegible]	Woodvale	11 06
10 55	Clermont	11 00
A. M.		A. M.

Connections are made with train 3, leaving Johnsonburg at 11:25 a. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at 3:45 p. m., and at Ridgway with train 6, leaving Ridgway at 11:10 p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

J. B. HUTCHINSON, General Manager.
J. R. WOOD, Gen. Passenger Agt.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway

THE SHORT LINE

On and after June 27, 1897, passenger trains between Buffalo, Rochester, Salamanca, Bradford, Ridgway, DuBois, Punxsutawney and the Coal and Lumber Regions of Pennsylvania will leave Bradford and Mt. Jewett daily except Sunday, as follows:

LEAVE BRADFORD—EAST-BOUND.

6:50 a. m.—Buffalo & Rochester Express—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.

11:30 p. m.—Mail—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy, and Rochester.

5:45 p. m.—Buffalo Express—Daily. For Limestone, Carrollton, Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden and Buffalo.

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH-BOUND.

7:45 a. m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

1:41 p. m.—Mail—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

Thousand Mile Tickets, good for passage between all stations, at two cents per mile.

Passengers are requested to purchase tickets before entering the cars. An excess charge of TEN CENTS will be collected by Conductors when fares are paid on trains, from all stations where a Ticket-Office is maintained.

For time tables and full information call on or address any of the Company's agents, or

L. B. McIntyre, Agent Bradford, Pa.
Edward C. Lapey,
Gen'l Passenger Agent
Rochester, N. Y.

BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA R. R.

TIME TABLE.

Took effect Monday, June 15th, 1896.

1	3	5	STATIONS.	2	4	6
a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	Ar. Dp.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
8:55	2:20	7:30	Keating	9:10	2:35	7:20
8:30	2:02	7:10	Cowley Junc.	9:25	2:50	6:00
8:20	1:50	7:00	Austin	9:40	3:00	6:20
......	1:37	6:50	Costello	9:48	3:13	......
......	1:26	6:46	Wharton	10:00	3:26	......
......	1:17	6:30	Logue	10:0[illegible]	3:3[illegible]	......
......	1:05	6:27	Hull	10:[illegible]	3:47	......
......	12:45	6:06	Cross Fork Jc	10:45	4:10	......
......	12:07	5:31	Germania	11:23	4:40	......
......	12:00	5:25	Galeton	11:30	4:50	......
......	10:45	4:23	Gaines	2:36	6:40	......
......	10:10	3:50	Ansonia	3:45	6:56	......
	a. m.	p. m.	Dp. Ar.	p. m.	p. m.	

a. m.	a. m.	p. m.	Cross Fork Br.	a. m.	p. m.	p. m.
7:00	12:45	4:00	ar Cr F'k Jc dp	10:50	1:00	6:10
6:0	11:50	3:00	dp Cross F'k ar	11:40	2:00	7:10

H. Hutchinson, Train Master.
C. W. Goodyear, Gen'l Manager.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad Time Table, takes effect Monday Nov. 4, 1896.

A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	STATIONS.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.
AR.	EASTW'D.			LV	WESTW'D	
8.50	7.30	2.10	Ulysses	7.42	2.30	10.05
8.35	7.21	2.00	Crowell's	7.51	2.40	10.17
8.30		1.56	Carpenter's		2.42	10.20
8.25	7.16	1.53	Perkins	7.54	2.45	10.25
8.20	7.13	1.50	H. & H. Ju'ct'n	7.57	2.50	10.30
	7.10	1.45	Newfield	8.00	2.54	10.35
8.04	7.06	1.42	Gold	8.04	2.56	10.42
7.55	7.01	1.36	Raymond's	8.07	3.00	10.47
7.35	6.55	1.24	Seven Bridg's	8.15	3.11	11.00
7.10	6.45	1.20	Colesburg	8.21	3.16	11.10
7.00	6.40	1.14	Frink's	8.26	3.22	11.17
	6.30	1.00		8.45	3.36	11.35
4.25	7.07	12.55	Coudersport	8.45	6.07	1.40
3.40		12.51	Hammond			1.34
3.30	7.52	12.46	Olmsted	8.51	6.06	1.44
3.24	7.48	12.41	Mina	8.55	6.10	1.46
3.20		12.34	Knowlton		6.15	
3.16	7.36	12.30	Roulette	9.06	6.25	1.57
3.12	7.31	12.22	Burtville	9.12	6.30	2.10
3.05		12.17	Coleman		6.36	
2.15	7.20	12.12	Port Allegany	9.24	6.40	2.30
P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	Dep't. Arrive	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.

Trains run on eastern standard time.

B. A. McCLURE, Sup't.

Bradford, Bordell and Kinzua Ry.

Time Table taking Effect May 30th, 1897.

LEAVE SMETHPORT.

6:30 A. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting with P. & W. Ry. for Foxburg, Butler and Pittsburg.

10:00 A. M.—Daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.

5:20 P. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting at Kane with P. & E. train 4 for Wilcox, Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Emporium, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia—and at Bradford with Erie R. R. train 30 for Salamanca, Olean, Hornellsville, Elmira and New York.

Trains arrive at Smethport, daily except Sunday, at 9:30 a. m., 4:20 p. m. and 8:[illegible] p. m.

JNO. C. McKENNA,
Gen. Pas. Agent,
Bradford, Pa.

ST. MARYS & SOUTHWESTERN R. R.

To take effect at 7 o'clock a.m., Monday, August 17, 1896.

South			Stations		North	
1:15	......		Clermont		12:30	......
1:20	......		Clermont Tank		12:25	......
1:45	......		Wildwood		11:57	......
1:56	......		North Fork		11:50	......
2:10	......		Kay Fork		11:35	......
2:15	......		Gray Gables		11:30	......
2:30	......	Ar	St. Marys	Lv	11:14	......
2:36	7:40	Lv		Ar	10:55	6:10
2:38	7:42		Kaul		10:50	6:12
2:44	7:50		Dotson		10:42	6:00
2:50	7:55		Groll		10:37	4:55
2:57	8:03		Gillen		10:30	4:48
3:00	8:07		Paine		10:25	4:45
3:05	8:11		Centreville		10:20	4:40
3:10	8:15		Dagus Crossing		10:15	4:31
3:15	8:20		Shelvey Summit		10:07	4:30
3:20	8:30		Cuneo		9:50	4:14
3:27	8:35		Thompson		9:50	4:10
3:31	8:37		Curry		9:46	4:07
3:37	8:41		Brandy Camp		9:40	4:00
3:46	8:47		Elbon		9:34	3:56
3:53	8:56		Hyde		9:20	4:04
4:00	9:00		Blowmut		9:18	4:00
p.m.	a.m.				a.m.	p.m.

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